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「強さは……いかがでしょうか？」
「いや……すごく気持ちいいな、これ」
小岩井れいな

「ふふ……油断大敵よ？」
「えへへ……アタシたちも攻めちゃうんだからね？」
姫神リゼル
夕顔瀬 雅

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Prologue

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The hospital was really quiet late at night.
There was nobody in the corridors. There was only minimum lighting to coldly illuminate the building intermittently.
I, Lizel-senpai, and Miyabi were sitting on the bench of the waiting room.
「Lisel-senpai……Reina, is she alright?」
I asked in a whisper while keeping my gaze fixed on the glistening floor.
Lizel-senpai who was sitting beside me softly touched my hand.
「Let's wait for the examination result for now.」
「……What happened to Reina just now, it wasn't normal.」
Reina suddenly collapsed thirty minutes ago. I immediately tried to call an ambulance, but Lizel-senpai stopped me.
「We can't bring her to a normal hospital. We'll take her to the hospital where my family doctor is working.」
She said that and immediately arranged a car.
Reina's figure inside the car was burned at the back of my eyelids.
Her eyes were staying open. Her face was expressionless. She looked like a doll. Rather than Reina, she looked like a doll that was created in Reina's resemblance.
Miyabi grasped my other hand that was at the opposite side of Lizel-senpai.
「Hey, Yuuto. I'm also worried you know? But, we have to be levelheaded in this kind of time.」
「Miyabi……」
Her face was smiling. However, she couldn't hide the color of anxiety inside her eyes.
She was forcing herself to act though in order to cheer me up.
「You're right……thank you, Miyabi. Also Lizel-senpai, I'm sorry.」
Lizel-senpai shook her head to left and right with a kind smile.
「That's just how much Yuuto is thinking about Reina. There is nothing for you to apologize.」
And then she looked down with a slightly sad gaze.
「But, I had been fearing that this kind of day will come one day. Because Reina, she is a bit……different from us.」
「Lizel-senpai?」
When I was about to ask what did she mean by that, the door of the hospital room opened.

The nurse called for us and we entered the room. There Reina was lying on the bed wearing a hospital dress. Her eyes were closed and her chest was moving up and down along with small breathing. I felt relieved from the bottom of my heart.
She was still sleeping, but this was the Reina who I knew. It wasn't the Reina from before who looked like a doll. Even though both should be the same Reina, strangely I couldn't think of both as the same person.
Lizel-senpai let out a relieved sigh, then she asked the female doctor who was sitting on a chair.
「Doctor Monzenji, is Reina alright now?」
It seemed the doctor's name was Monzenji. She looked to be in her late thirty. However this person was also a devil, so she must be older than she looked. Her eyes behind the glasses looked somewhat sleepy. Her long hair was casually braided to hang down at the front.
「If you ask me if she is alright then she is alright. She will open her eyes soon.」
I reflexively smiled and stared at Reina's sleeping face.
「I'm glad……I was worried what is going to happen for a moment there.」
「But, this girl's body is steadily breaking down. She might be broken the next time she collapsed.」
「──Eh?」
I stared at the doctor's face.
「Err……what do you mean, by that?」
「Hm? That's why, this girl is──」
「Doctor.」
Lizel-senpai cut off the doctor's words.
「I think, it will be better if we heard it from Reina directly.」
「Nn……I see. Then, I'll keep quiet.」
Lizel-senpai glanced at Reina before asking a question.
「In doctor's opinion, how much life span she has remaining?」
「Two or three days I think.」
Wa-,
Wait a second.
「D-doctor……and senpai too, what are you two saying? Right Miyabi?」
When I turned around, Miyabi was biting her lip with tear gathering in her eyes.
「Everyone……just, what is going on here?」
I was assaulted by a feeling of anxiety that I couldn't identify. I only noticed this late that the daily life that I thought as only natural was actually in the verge of breaking apart.
「What's going on!? Explain it in the way that I can understand──」
I unconsciously talked with a rough tone. Reina's groaning voice came at that timing.
「Nnu……e-eh?」
「Reina!?」

She opened her eyes slightly and looked around inside the hospital room.
When her eyes caught sight of us, she smiled apologetically.
「Sa……say say, did Reina……faint?」
Reina raised her body to get down from the bed.
「Oi, don’t force yourself.」
「No, this has happened sometimes until now desu……but to think Reina would faint in front of Yuuto-san……」
Reina made a troubled smile.
「Looks like, it’s already no good for Reina desu.」
「Sometimes you say……why didn’t you tell me something that important!? If you don’t go to hospital or get treated right away──」
Reina shook her head to negate my words.
「Reina, has to tell the truth to Yuuto-san now desu.」
The truth?
Reina made a troubled smile and tightly clutched the sleeve of her hospital dress.
「Reina……is actually not a devil desu.」
「……?」
Not a devil?

That meant she was a human?
No, that wasn't the case. That was clear if I thought back at how Reina fought until now. Reina's ability far surpassed a human.
I reflexively turned my gaze to Lizel-senpai questioningly.
「……Reina, it's fine even if you don't do this now you know?」
Lizel-senpai whispered in worry. Reina shook her head in respond.
「Reina has to say it when it's time to say it……Reina doesn't know when the end will come after all.」
The end──just what did she mean by that?
The inside of my heart felt a prickling chill.
A bad premonition was crawling up my back bit by bit.
「Reina, is a homunculus……desu desu.」
……Homun, culus?
「Reina isn't a human and also not a devil desu. Reina is a life created by sorcery desu……desu.」
「That's──」
When I was about to ask what did she mean, the doctor stood up from her chair.
「──Then the examination is over. Nurse, help Reina-kun with changing her clothes. Everyone else, let's get out of the room.」
Doctor Monzenji sent a sharp gaze toward us.
We obediently followed her words and exited the room. Doctor Monzenji then told me after the door was closed.
「About that girl, she is really a homunculus just like she said. In other words, she is an artificial life-form.」
Artificial?
By who?
Questions came up one after another in my head. I had too many questions then I didn't even know what I should ask.
Lizel-senpai took my place and questioned the doctor with a grave expression.
「Doctor. Is Reina's body, really already……」
My breath was caught within my chest.
「Yeah. She has the typical symptoms for homunculus when their body is about to break. She doesn't have that long anymore.」
「No way! Is there no way to save Reina!?」
I stared at Doctor Monzenji with eyes that were filled with hope. However the doctor shrugged apologetically.
「That's impossible. Her core that is fixing her body's structure in place is too fragile. It seems the sorcerer who created that girl isn't too skilled.」
「Core……?」
I reflexively asked back. Doctor Monzenji answered me dispassionately.
「It's the thing that act as the foundation for shaping homunculus. Normally magic stone is used as the core but……how good the quality of that stone is

important. Magic stone with good quality is refined further to heighten its purity. The purer the stone is, the better core it will make. In my opinion, that girl's core is an inferior good.」
「No way……」
I reflexively turned to look at Lizel-senpai with eyes that sought help. However senpai frowned and suppressed her anger that she had no outlet to vent into.
「Doctor……is there really no way to replace the core with something better?」
「You also asked me that before but, that's impossible. Homunculus's whole body is made up from magical mechanism. The whole thing will collapse if you pull out a part of it.」
Lizel-senpai clenched her fist with a vexed expression.
「Is there no way at all!? At least give her some emergency treatment for the time being! Because, to only have two or three days remaining to live is──」
「Let's see……if we supply energy to that girl for the time being, her lifespan will be extended somewhat because that is what she need the most right now.」
Needing, energy?
「Originally the core will stockpile energy or the homunculus need energy supply from outside periodically, but it looks like that girl cannot obtain energy from either method.」
I couldn't hold back myself from asking.
「That-! This energy that Reina needs, what kind of energy it is!?」
「Even I don't know that.」
Doctor Monzenji shrugged, then Reina came out from the hospital room with herself having finished changing into her uniform.
「F-forgive Reina, for making everyone wait desu desu!」
She bowed her head several times looking very apologetic.
She looked brave, but also painful to look at.
Even though she shouldn't have any leeway to be considerate about other people in her current condition.
──Shit!
My fist clenched really hard that my nails dug into my palm.
And then, I swore.
I──absolutely wouldn't let Reina died!!

Chapter 1 – Alliance of Devil

Part 1

The devil king candidate of Tower, Takakuzure Marios(□□□□□□) was living in a fifty storey tower mansion.
The penthouse at the highest floor was Marios's home as well as workshop. At the center of the rooftop, there were figures, plastic models, dioramas, and many other kinds lined up orderly.
Takakuzure Marios was a modeler.
He had a lot of rooms in his penthouse, but all of them were used as storage room for his models or as his workshop.
Storage for figures that were still sealed inside their box, room for half-finished plastic model, storage room for materials, exclusive workshops for each process, all the rooms had their own role. There wasn't any space for normal living here.
Right now Marios was in a room where one whole side was turned into a window. The night view of skyscrapers standing in a row could be seen from there. The view from the window was very beautiful, however Marios was focused on the products on his work table.
The product had beauty that made things like night scenery didn't worthy any notice from him.
It was a witch figurine—it was a piece of work that Marios poured all his effort into.
Its scale was 1:4. Its height was more than 50 cm. Its face was flawlessly beautiful with armor covering its body, even so the chest part jutted out to emphasize the female proportion. The silver hair was disheveled as though it was fluttering in the air with wings spreading on its back. The word pretty suited the figurine.
If this was a common figurine, then this figurine belonged in the category of prototype, but there wasn't any plan to mass produce this figurine. It was a complete piece. Although the model was terrifyingly detailed and complicated, so it was impossible even if someone wanted to mass produce it. Even if they went ahead with mass production of it, the quality would be degraded by several levels. It would only result in dead copies.
This piece of work had reached the level of artwork that was created by god. It didn't give any care toward such restriction in production.
This piece would definitely attract gaze of envy, not just from human maniac, but even from devils.

It was like there was life dwelling inside the figurine and mana was emitted from it. If this woman became reality, there was no doubt that it would boast a terrifying strength—anyone who saw this figurine would imagine that. It was that kind of figurine.
Marios folded his arms and fixed his stare on that figurine.
His face was haggard and there were also dark circles around his eye. He had a look that would make other thought that he had focused too much to his work that he forgot to eat.
His wavy green hair was also unkempt and completely uncared for. His clothes was also a uniform that had been splashed by paint for the figurine. It seemed he had personality that wasn't concerned about his appearance.
His concentration was simply focused to a single point intently.
His focus was sent toward his own creation.
Marios stared at the result and smiled in satisfaction.
「Perfect……」
His masterpiece would be completed with just a bit more.
Most likely, this was his current best work. This work was his most important thing after his life.
—And then,
When he imagined the despair and feeling of loss when he lost this—his body trembled.
The corner of his lips naturally rose and he felt a thrill in his chest.
What if his hand slipped when he was carrying this and it fell on the floor?
What if it was smashed to pieces?
Scary.
He didn't want to put even a single harm on this piece.
And yet,
There was a part of himself who wanted that to happen.
A part of himself craved to do something that couldn't be undone,
He craved for the feeling of loss and sadness that would slice himself to pieces—,
An electronic sound chimed at that timing.
「—?」
Marios scowled and looked up at the monitor that was hanging on the wall.
There were nine monitors in total. Each monitor was displaying the figure of the Cards of Tower.
There was an exclusive elevator for Marios in this tower mansion. It was set up to stop at the interval of five floors. Each floor was used as the workshop of Marios's cards.
All of the Cards of Tower were modeler.
And then, as long as the Cards at each floor didn't confirm that the visitor was safe, they wouldn't be able to move to the upper floor. Magical barrier was laid out at the highest floor, it was impossible to reach the penthouse without using this elevator.

When he saw at the monitor of the fifth floor, there was two people going out from the elevator there.
One of them was a red haired man. The other one was a pink haired woman.
Who?
He wasn’t familiar with them—but, it was easy to imagine that they were devil king candidates or Cards.
He didn’t know the detail, but he heard that the Devil Ibiza was defeated.
Because of that, the movements of the devil king candidates became active.
Most likely some other devil king candidate was using their Cards to probe at him, no doubt about it.
In the monitor, a Card of the Tower, Goryoukaku Basset(□□□□□□□) stood on the way of the two intruders. He was a newcomer from class 1-C of Ginsei Academy. He wasn’t one of his Court Cards but a Suit Card, furthermore his rank was the lowest at number II[2].
That Goryoukaku took a monster figurine that he made himself. The figurine had an eerie form of a frog and crocodile combined into one. It was a wonderful craftsmanship in the eye of amateur, but it looked crude in Marios’s eye.
Goryoukaku threw that figurine.
The piece of work that he created painstakingly rotated in the air. The intruders in front of him must be bewildered why he was doing something like that.
—But, this was Tower’s fundamental ability.
The figurine turned huge in the blink of eye. It manifested a monster that was two meters tall.
—A magic to materialize artistic work.
The monster that was a fusion of frog and crocodile that couldn’t possibly exist in reality attacked the male intruder. That man was swallowed from his head without being able to resist at all.
□……How dull.□
He didn’t know whose Cards they were, but they weren’t any threat at all.
The monster crunched the male’s body and chewed him.
Marios lost interest and turned his back toward the monitor to face his work table once more.
He and his Cards were able to materialize anything, whether it was monster, machine, everything. By using this power, it was possible to increase their fighting force as much as they wanted. This was the greatest forte of them Tower.
Other devil king candidates were limited in how many Cards they could have. However he had no such limitation. He was able to gather even more powerful soldiers in even greater number. Because of that, he turned those with modeling talent and set up a system of model mass production.
Right now still wasn’t the time for him to join the fight.
However, the fight was already starting.
This workshop was his battlefield.

Marios got into the work of putting finishing touches on the witch figurine. He decided that he would use this against powerful enemy. With this quality, it surely could defeat even the Star Hoshigaoka Stella or even the Triumph.
That was just how much he cherished this work.
Poon An electronic sound rang.
—What?
That was the sound that informed him of a visitor.
What the……
He turned around and looked up at the monitors on the wall. There the screen of nine monitors had been changed to be filled with noise.
Footsteps were approaching.
What happened? Just what were the people below doing?
Marios stood up with doubt filling his mind. Then the room's door opened.
Sorry to visit at night like this. Are you the Tower, Takakuzure Marios?
It was the red haired man that he saw in the monitor.
He looked like a normal man in a glance. He had a friendly smile and a gentle way of talking.
However, there was something strange in him.
He couldn't find the word to describe just what was it that he found strange.
However, his instinct was telling him that this man wasn't harmless.
He wasn't wearing the uniform of Ginsei Academy but personal clothes that consisted of a hooded black jacket and casual white shirt, and then a black damaged jeans.
The uniform of the academy could be freely customized so the uniform could look completely different from its original state, but what this man wearing was obviously not the academy uniform.
—Who are these guys?
When he moved his gaze to the woman, this one was wearing uniform. Furthermore her uniform was normally cute.
She was smiling affably. She looked like a girl who would play together with friends after school at shopping center. A girl who would stop by at a café, and then getting excited when choosing clothes or accessory. And then a talent scout would sometimes call out to her—it was easy to imagine this woman as someone like that.

「You guys……how did you, come this far?」
Marios replied at the question with another question.
However the red haired man didn't look offended and smiled thinly.
「We come up here normally. Those people at the floors where we stopped, they were your Cards……so to speak your gatekeepers right? We will have the qualification to meet you if we can overcome them, I think that's the meaning of this arrangement.」
Marios's eyes widened slightly.
He said that he came here by defeating them?
That was impossible. Because this guy was easily killed at the first floor──,
He suddenly noticed here.
Red drops were dripping to the floor under the girl. The left arm of her uniform had crimson stain spreading on it.
──Blood.
The girl's right hand was holding a cutter knife.
──This girl.
However he couldn't see any sign of pain from the girl's face.
It made the girl's adorable smile to look eerie to him.
「You guys……who are you?」
The red haired man turned his palm toward the girl.
「This girl is devil king candidate of Wheel of Fortune, Shimokadzuma Rinne.」
「Wha-……!?」
He was suddenly on his guard.
「I can't believe this……to think that a devil king candidate is personally marching into here.」
That meant, this man must be the Wheel of Fortune's Ace.
When Marios concluded so──,
「I am the devil king candidate of Death God[Death], Joudogahama Lost. Best regards.」
「……tsu!!」
Marios grabbed his masterpiece from the top of his worktable.
「I see, that's a splendid work just as expected.」
Lost looked at the figurine in Marios's hand and expressed his impression casually.
「I saw it at the lower floors, the ability of Tower is to materialize model isn't it? Normally a candidate will gather Cards while thinking of the balance but……this is a drastic tactic that is completely focused to break through a single point huh.」
「You……you died at the first floor didn't you?」
「I have the arcana of Death, so death is relatively unrelated to me. It's slightly disappointing that I can't live up to that name fully though.」
Lost shrugged theatrically.

「More importantly, how about you show us your power? Even though your ability is the same with your Cards, it should be really different as the devil candidate right?」
「Very well then……I'll show you.」
──This is my masterpiece.
It was a gem that he had poured time and effort into without holding back anything.
Above all else, it was his important treasure.
No matter what kind of devil king candidate he faced, they would be able to do anything except prostrate before it!
「TAKE THIS BASTAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAARD!!」
Marios tossed his treasured figurine high to the atrium ceiling.
And then it rotated,
Materialized,
Then without anything going on──,
It fell on the floor and broke.
「UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!」
Marios fell on his knees and screamed.
He cried and shouted full of grief without caring of how he looked like to others.
He clenched his fist and punched the floor.
「This is-! This is my greatest masterpiece!! It's more important-! More valuable than anything elseeeee! And yet, AND YEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEETT!!」
Lost and Rinne were taken aback by Marios's behavior.
The figurine was thrown and broken by Marios himself.
Perhaps his magic was a dud and so it turned out like this.
So to speak, he was paying for his own mistake.
This was the devil king candidate of Tower?
He was crying while continuing to hit the floor with all his strength.
Lost could do nothing but continuing to watch that. However──,
「UOOOOH! UAAAAAAahhih……hi, fuhih! Hihihihihihihihi」
「……?」
Marios's grief was starting to be mixed with laughter before long.
His tears were still flowing without pause, and yet Marios was making an expression of ecstasy.
「Fuhaaah! This despair……this feeling of loss……aa, my chest if painful…… anger, regret, frustration, sadness, it feels like my head will go crazy with them……this is the best, the best.」
Lost observed that change with a sharp gaze.
「Marios……you are」
「Losing the most important thing for me──this pleasureee! My treasured thing is smashed up horribly and it's gone forever──this despairr*rrr*! It's, it's the worst and THE BESTTTTTTT!!」
「!?」

The surrounding space suddenly changed.
The walls around them were gone and the floor was rising to the sky.
「……This is!?」
Lost was staring at the night scenery that was getting farther from them.
When he realized, the foothold had become smaller. They should be in a spacious room, but right now there was only two meters space to the four directions.
They were at the altitude of several hundred meters. There was no wall or fence. They might get blown off if a strong wind blew.
There were only himself and Rinne standing on such unstable place.
「This is……tower?」
They weren't in the tower mansion form before. Lost realized that they were on top of a tall tower that was made from stones and bricks.
「──Characteristic magic Babel Tower[Collapsing Pleasure].」
Marios was floating in the night air in front of Lost and Rinne.
His face was distorted with sadness and agony, while tears of pleasure were flowing from his eyes.
「……This is Tower's……characteristic magic.」
Suddenly a strong wind struck Lost's face. The clear night sky was suddenly turning stormy.
Strong wind mercilessly tried to blow the two from the top of the tower.
They would die if they fell.
Their instinct instead of the logic told them that.
Lost and Rinne braced themselves to endure the wind. They put their hand on the floor.
But it wasn't just wind that was attacking them.
The sky was raging above them. Thunder cloud was whirling like a coiling dragon. Light sparked from that cloud.
──Lightning.
Flashes came from inside the cloud followed by thundering roar.
Most likely the true threat was that lightning.
If lightning struck the place they were standing on right now, the tower would most likely crumble. And then they would also meet their end.
「I see. So you purposefully broke that doll. You didn't materialize it, you destroyed something important to you to deploy a large scale ritual magic……that's, your true ability.」
「Yeah, it's actually a characteristic magic of karma. That figurine was a work of art……it won't be outdone even by Rodin or Bernini's work. No matter how you look at it, its worth is even heavier than other people's life. Aa! And yet! And yet! I'm forced to offer my most important masterpiece as sacrifice to take care of some worthless guys!」
Marios was crying once more.
「And yet you look happy despite that.」
Marios was laughing while crying.

「The pleasure that can be felt when your most important thing is taken away from you……you understand it right?」
「Sorry. I don't get it.」
Lost smiled apologetically while planning to escape from this characteristic magic.
However, he didn't understand how to do that.
「Let me tell you this, you can't escape from this tower. The only way to escape from here is to be destroyed together with this tower.」
Marios looked triumphant. Lost nodded in admiration to him.
「So this is your sure-kill characteristic magic……that's terrifying.」
A particularly loud thunder roared at that timing. Marios was convinced of his victory.
He didn't expect that this kind of fortune would roll on his feet. After all his opponent was the Wheel of Fortune who was rumored to have a terrifying ability and the mysterious devil king candidate Death.
Death's true identity wasn't known until now. Now that he had showed himself before him, he could defeat both of them together.
It was more than worth it for him to use the figurine that he prepared to fight Star for this.
But, what bothered him was—this man called Joudogahama Lost……he was still looking relaxed despite being in this predicament. He was keeping his cool.
Was he stupid?
As for the woman, there wasn't any room for doubt. She was still smiling cheerfully even in this situation. She was an idiot.
Suddenly there was a flash of lightning that blinded the eye.
That light blew away the little anxiety in Marios's heart.
A sound of explosion pierced the ear a moment later.
The greatest lightning attack fell on the tower and the tower started crumbling.
Death and Wheel of Fortune would die when this tower crumbled and turned into a mountain of rubbles.
The floor under their feet cracked and the tower was slowly starting to sink.
「Rinne.」
Lost called the name of the Wheel of Fortune.
「—」
The girl stood on the crumbling floor. Her right hand was holding a cutter knife. It made the unique clicking sound when its blade was pushed out.
Rinne was still smiling and rolled the sleeve of her left arm.
Marios gulped seeing that white skin.
—There were several scars there.
There was a new wound near the wrist where blood was still flowing from it.
The shiny blade was pressed slightly above it.
A warning alarm rang loudly inside Marios.
—This is bad.

He didn’t know what she would do, but it was definitely bad.
Rinne slid the cutter’s blade on her arm without any hesitation.
Fresh blood spilled out.
「……!?」
Red drops splattered in the air, then at the next moment—,
.
「Eh?」
Marios was holding his masterpiece witch figurine.
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「……-!!!?」
There was no doubt. It was his work that should have been broken by his own hand just now.
He saw his own workshop when he looked around.
「……Wha—?」
The world that was created by Babel Tower had vanished.
Lost and Rinne were in front of him. They were standing normally on the floor.
—Was I……dreaming or hallucinating?
He immediately erased that thought.
There were two wounds on Rinne’s arm. Crimson blood was dripping from there.
Lost smiled softly.
「Babel Tower……it’s really a magnificent characteristic magic.」
A chill made his spine trembled.
Marios acted tough so that his fear wouldn’t be detected.
「Just now……ain’t your work, but that woman over there huh.」
「Yes. Rinne’s characteristic magic is Revival[Infinite Replay].」
Most likely it was a cancelling technique that rewound time or making something that had happened as never happened.
If all the activated magic were cancelled, there was nothing that could be done.
However, even Wheel of Fortune wouldn’t be able to win with just that.
Even if she could cancel the enemy’s attack, it would only be the repeat of the same thing as long as she couldn’t deal damage to her opponent.
—In other words, it was Death’s turn for that.
Cold sweat flowed down Marios’s forehead.
He didn’t know what Lost’s characteristic magic was. However, this man had the arcana of Death.
It was possible that it was a magic that would drive the opponent to death with one attack.
He would talk a bit with them to buy time. He had to think of a plan during that time.
「……Even so, I never thought there would be guys who team up with fellow devil king candidate.」

「Yeah. Devil can only believe themselves. That's why even if you team up with other, they still won't be your comrade in its true meaning. It's just a temporary alliance while everyone's interest still align with each other.」
「──And, are you two coming here to defeat me because I might be dangerous if left alone?」
「It's the opposite. We come to invite you.」
「……What did you say?」
「We devil king candidates each has our own unique ability. However because of our strong idiosyncrasy, sometimes we can fit together nicely with each other, and sometimes not.」
It was just as he said.
Marios himself also didn't have any intention of fighting opponent with powerful firepower head-on.
「So here we should join hand and deal with opponents that each of us has bad compatibility with……that's how this thing will work.」
「Bad compatibility……you say?」
Marios spoke mockingly.
「Certainly I also have opponent that will be a bad matchup with me. But, that's only if I match my opponent's strategy. My Babel Tower is unbeatable as long as I stick on my method. No matter who I face, it will bring ruin to them without fail……if my magic can progress until it's finished that is.」
It was quite shocking when his magic was hindered by Revival, so he added that to his statement.
However, Lost stared at Marios with a pitying look.
「I see. So you don't know.」
「What……your name is Lost right? What do you want to say to me huh.」
「Takakuzure Marios. You have a natural enemy.」
──Natural enemy?
「Haa? What do you mean? If my Babel Tower is carried on to the finish, even if the opponent is Hoshigaoka Stella or the Triumph──」
「The Lovers Morioka Yuuto.」
Lovers……?
It was an unexpected name.
「Marios, your Babel Tower isn't a magic that work directly to your opponent. In the end it's an ability that destroys the most important thing of the target. Isn't that right?」
──This guy.
Marios didn't reply.
「However, there is nothing more important for a devil other than themselves. Therefore, this magic will definitely destroy the opponent. It's a sure-kill and sure-hit characteristic magic.」
「……」
It was just as he said.
「Furthermore, it's not a direct curse but an indirect curse. That's why it's difficult to defend against it. It's really impossible to deal with.」

「……That’s why I can kill my opponent no matter who they are. The likes of Lovers isn’t even worth it for me to take on seriously. He isn’t my ma―」
「You weren’t present at his introduction weren’t you? That’s why you don’t know but……the devil king candidate of Lovers, Morioka Yuuto is……a human.」
Marios’s eyes opened wide in shock.
「Wha-……!?」
「Perhaps he has something even more important than himself. He is the only opponent who your Babel Tower won’t work against.」
Human……he said!?
「No……wait, then he shouldn’t be able to even become my opponent. If someone else other than me can defeat him―no, even before that, I can just defeat him with normal magic.」
「But, he already defeated the Devil Mitsuishi Ibiza you know? Besides, although Aspite Line of the World hasn’t lost his qualification to fight in this Devil King War, he has been effectively driven to leave the stage.」
What did he say?
「You are saying that a human defeated the Devil!?」
「That’s why I’m advising you to be on your guard. At this rate, even if by some chance you can remain until the end, it might be Lovers who stand on your way at the very end.」
「……ku」
Joudogahama Lost smiled gently and held out his right hand.
「It’s not like we will levy any duty or responsibility to you. But, I want you to team up with us casually where we are simply making use of each other.」
「I might betray you guys.」
Lost smiled radiantly.
「Naturally. There is no devil who isn’t thinking of that isn’t it?」
Marios thought for a while before―,
He exchanged handshake with Lost.
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Part 2

We left the hospital. Reina said 「Reina can go home alone desu desu」, but we half forced her to allow us to send her home.
The inside of Lizel-senpai's limousine was spacious. We could enter inside at the back and sat facing each other. Lizel-senpai and Reina sat together with me and Miyabi sat facing them.
I was watching the passing night scenery outside and Reina's face alternately. I could clearly see Reina losing her composure as her house was getting closer.
Before long the limousine stopped at a corner of a residential district.
Even Lizel-senpai was looking slightly baffled.
「This is the house in your address but……is this really the right place?」
「Yes……this place is, Reina's room desu, desu.」
I got off the limousine and stared at the two storey building standing in front of my eyes.
How should I say it……it was an apartment that looked like it was built at Showa era (1926-1989). The wall looked thin. The stair that was attached outside the building was covered with rust. Some parts of the handrail had even decayed and fell off. The building on the whole looked slightly dirty and eerie.
「I heard that you left the main house and they prepared a room for your own but……this」
「I'm also shocked……」
It seemed that even Lizel-senpai and Miyabi didn't know about this. They were dumbfounded.
We entered the apartment building with Reina's guidance. There wasn't really any yard in it and there were tall condominiums at both sides of the apartment. This building looked like a hut that was placed at the bottom of ravine.
We walked on concrete floor that couldn't even be called a corridor and passed four doors. There was a washing machine that was placed outside. It got in the way so that our group couldn't walk side by side and had to line up to pass through one by one.
Reina opened the door that was located at the end of the path and made a troubled smile.
「I-it's a cramped, cramped place but……come in.」
It was really cramped inside.

It was a single room with size of three tatami mats. (TN: One tatami mat is either 1,82 or 1,54 square meter.)
All of us spontaneously became speechless. Miyabi's smile was twitching.
「A-ahaha……t-this room feels real familiar to me somehow! I was also living in this kinda room until not long ago. This kinda room, how should I say it, it's relaxing, so what I wanna say is, this room is alright I think, ahahaa……」
Miyabi considerately tried to lift up everyone's mood. It showed how compassionate she was. However even that consideration felt superficial in the face of the battered tatami mats.
From Tou-san and Kaa-san's talk, Koiwai House should be a considerably famous house if I remembered right but……don't tell me, she was also receiving a harassment from someone just like what happened to Miyabi's family?
「Err……there is no cushions for guests to sit here……Reina only have a futon here」
Reina helplessly searched for tools to treat guests with that couldn't possibly exist in this room. She opened and closed the sliding screen to her closet in a fluster. Lizel-senpai slowly talked to such Reina.
「Reina. Can you tell us today? About the situation you are placed into in detail.」
After saying that, Lizel-senpai sat down on the tatami mat. It was to show that she wouldn't go home until she heard about the situation. Reina also seemed to give up and kneeled in seiza posture there.
Miyabi and I also sat on the spot. The tatami mats had been roasted by sun and their surface was already damaged, but there was no dust on them. It was the proof that Reina was cleaning this place properly every day.
「Actually, in Koiwai House……there was really a devil called Reina. But…… she died six years ago desu. Because of that, Otou-sama and Okaa-sama requested a magician to create Reina desu……desu.」
It was the fact that Reina was a homunculus that was talked in the hospital just now. However, there was really a devil Reina—this was my first time hearing this. The Reina in front of me right now was a homunculus that was created to replace the Reina who died.
Lizel-senpai folded her arms with a grave expression.
「Do you know who that magician was?」
Reina shook her head apologetically.
「I see……and, why did you leave your house and live here?」
「……Reina has a little sister desu. She isn't a homunculus, but a real devil born from Otou-sama and Okaa-sama desu.」
I got a bad premonition. To be honest, it felt painful for me to keep listening to this story.
However this was the life that Reina had walked until now. As the devil king candidate of Lovers, I would accept everything of Reina. That was my duty as Reina's master.

「After that, Otou-sama and Okaa-sama gradually stopped to pay attention to Reina desu. They are completely focused on Reina's little sister all this time……but, Reina's little sister is really cute desu. So Reina think that it can't be helped. Reina is already a big sister now desu. Reina has to persevere desu. That's why――」
Reina fell silent for a while. But, before long, she whispered,
That's why, it can't be helped for Reina to leave home desu……]
「Wait……that's, just what do you mean by that?」
I spontaneously cut in.
「Reina is a homunculus so……Reina's little sister will be the one to inherit Koiwai House desu. If Reina is staying in the house, it will be a bother for Reina's little sister……and everyone desu.」
「……What the hell with that.」
I unconsciously smiled bitterly.
「There is no way parents will treat their child like a bother.」
I got on my feet and spoke to Lizel-senpai.
「Let's go to Reina's house.」
「Yuuto……that's」
Senpai unexpectedly showed a reluctant look.
「No matter what anyone says, parents should be the ally of their children in the end. It's absolutely wrong for the big sister to be in this kind of place alone even though she has a little sister.」
I smiled at Reina. However Reina was only making a pained expression for some reason.
Lizel-senpai looked hesitating for a while, but before long she stood up and said 「Wait for a second」 before she got out.
After five minutes, Lizel-senpai returned with a smartphone in her hand.
「I made an appointment. It looks like we can immediately meet with them. Let's go.」
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Part 3

Reina’s family house was located around one hour drive away by car from her apartment.
It wasn’t as big as Miyabi’s house, even so it was still a large mansion.
「Reina, stay in the car. Miyabi, can we leave her to you?」
「Leave it to me with a bang!」
Miyabi said that and her hand firmly hit her excessively large chest.
A solid door that looked like a fortress’s gate opened to the left and right automatically. Only Lizel-senpai and I entered inside. We could see the lighting of the mansion ahead of the straight path. The surrounding was covered with trees like forest. It felt like only this place was a different world.
「Senpai, why aren’t we taking Reina with us even though this about her?」
「Perhaps, it will become a talk that Reina shouldn’t listen to.」
「Eh?」
I didn’t understand at all what Lizel-senpai was thinking about.
When we arrived at the mansion, a butler showed us the way to a room that seemed to be the reception room. It was a luxurious room that really looked like a noble’s room that I saw in TV and movie.
We waited in that room for a bit before Reina’s parents came inside.
「Forgive us for making you wait like this, Lizel-sama. How shameful of us to be unable to prepare anything even though you are taking the time to visit……」
Most devils looked young, but these two stood out even among that.
The two of them had small stature. They were shorter than me with slender body built. Their silver hair and childish face looked very similar with Reina.
「No, I’m the one who should apologize for visiting out of nowhere like this. This is the devil king candidate of Lovers.」
「I’m Morioka Yuuto.」
After finishing a light self-introduction, we all sat on the sofas facing each other.
「—And, what is your business here tonight?」
They observed Lizel-senpai to see whether it was alright for them to talk, then,
「……Right now, I’m participating in the Devil King War as the Queen of Lovers.」

「Yes, we are aware. But……we completely thought that Lizel-sama can become a devil king candidate……this was unexpected for us.」
They said that and sent a glance at me.
As I thought, they were puzzled that I became a devil king candidate……no, it looked like they were dissatisfied. Perhaps I being a human was a factor in it.
「You are aware that the young lady of Viscount Koiwai, Reina-san is also participating as a Knight with us, correct?」
However, Reina's parents looked at each other in surprise.
「This is the first time we heard about that. Or rather……Reina is already dead since six years ago.」
「Wai-……please wait a second!」
I reflexively interrupted.
「Reina is alive! She might be a homunculus, but she is still your daughter. She is going to the academy all this time and she is also lending me her strength as my Card!」
「Homunculus is homunculus. She isn't our daughter.」
「Wha-……!?」
Reina's parents calmly declared that.
「It was a great demerit for Koiwai House and also for me that our daughter died at young age. From the perspective of outsiders, it would look like the bloodline of our house is inferior. That was why we created a homunculus with our daughter's look to keep up appearance.」
Keep up appearance……he said.
I couldn't understand what Reina's parents wanted to say.
「B-but, you two made a homunculus with the same look of your daughter to take her place because you were sad by her death right? Don't you also love Reina as your daughter?」
The father replied in displeasure.
「That, that is the problem. That thing is asking for parental love from us.」
「T-that's just natural isn't it!? What's a problem from that!?」
「Thinking that love is necessary. Either way she is defective as a devil.」
「……Tsu!!」
The door of the room made a creaking sound at that timing.
When I turned around, I saw a small figure peeking inside from the door's gap. She looked like she was three or four years old. She was an adorable child with a face that looked exactly like Reina.
「……Are they, guests?」
「Aina!!」
The father's expression changed and he yelled.
「You! Take Aina away!!」
「Y-yes!!」
The mother hurriedly rushed to the door and held up that girl in her arms.
The way they panicked wasn't normal. It was like they were trying to keep their child away from a patient with infectious disease.

「Aina, you shouldn’t be here! Come, let’s return to your room!」
However that girl was staring at us full of interest.
Aina……so that’s, Reina’s little sister.
The mother left the room with Reina in her arms as though she was running away.
I couldn’t say anything other than seeing off their backs.
The father who stayed behind talked to Lizel-senpai as though he was making excuses.
「My apologies. Aina is in a sensitive period right now……」
He sent a brief glare at me.
「It will be troubling if she is given unnecessary influence.」
「Yes. I can understand that……but, about Reina──」
The father interrupted senpai’s words as though he didn’t even want to hear that name.
「I said! It’s troubling if something like that is asking for parental affection from us!!」
I couldn’t hold back and interrupted reflexively.
「B-but! That’s only something natural for any living thing isn’t it? Why are you troubled? Just why do you have to chase out Reina from here!?」
「What’s necessary for devil is self-interest and being calculating. It’s the same even for parent and child.」
「Wha……」
「I won’t say that love doesn’t exist at all. But, the greatest priority is your own wellbeing and the family’s prosperity. Children are tools for that, and the children themselves are making use of their parents. Emotions are fine if they are built up on top of such relationship. However……that thing is seeking for unconditional love from us. It’s only natural that we dispose of her.」
Dispose……he said?
「What are you saying……parent and child, they aren’t anything like that……」
The father let out a troubled sigh.
「As expected from human……you don’t understand anything. The Devil King War this time is going to end up in futility once more like this. Then, Koiwai House doesn’t want to get involved with that thing even more. It’s rude to say this in front of Lizel-sama but……it’s better to not get involved if defeat is all but certain.」
And then, he turned an expression of someone preaching at a stupid kid toward me.
「Devil is different from human. Even the relationship between parent and child is based on mutual interests. The parent expect their child to bring benefit to themselves and the family, while the child is expecting their parents to invest to themselves.」
「That’s……something like that also more or less exist among humans. But, that’s not all there is──」

「That's all there is to it. There is nothing else.」
「……Tsu!?」
The father bowed his head once more toward Lizel-senpai.
「I'm immensely ashamed that a homunculus we created has been troubling you. However, that's something that we have disposed of. It's already unrelated with our house anymore. Please leave it at that.」
There wasn't any ground for argument anymore with that.
I left the mansion with my heart overwhelmed by a feeling of defeat.
Reina……what should I tell her.
I was walking toward the gate with heavy footsteps. Behind me Lizel-senpai talked with a kind voice to me.
「Yuuto……this might be shocking to you but, this is normal for devil.」
I stopped walking and turned around toward senpai.
「Is senpai also, in that kind of relationship……with your parents?」
「It is. The relationship in Himekami House is even more businesslike than this.」
「No way……」
I recalled how the mother took Aina far away from me in panic.
「But, if they hate human so much that they don't even want their child to get near one……then Reina being hated like this is also……something like that isn't it?」
「This might be something sad for Yuuto but, that was a normal reaction for devil. Especially if a child of that age come into contact with human……they could be easily affected.」
「……Affected?」
「Yes. It will cause an impediment to their sense of values as demon. That was why they didn't want Aina to get closer to Yuuto. They don't want to put Reina in the same house with her also because of the same reason.」
I didn't really get what senpai meant but……even human learned various things from their environment when they were little. That would greatly affect the child. Was it the same with devil?
「That's why Yuuto didn't do anything wrong. Their reaction is normal…….a very typical reaction.」
「……I understand. But, then……how did Reina come to seek her parents' affection then if she was raised like that?」
「I wonder……I don't know why Reina sought her parents' affection but…… most likely, the magician who created Reina made a blunder, or perhaps it was something intentional.」
It felt like something wonderful. However in the society of devil, that disposition brought Reina sorrow instead as the result.
No──from how the parents acted, from the start they only intended for Reina to be replacement until they had their next child. She would still get chased out sooner or later.
「But……something has become clear with this.」
「Yes. The energy that Reina's core need is 『parents' love』.」

And now we understood that was something that Reina absolutely couldn’t obtain.
When we returned to the car, Reina was looking down with a stiff body. She was like a convict waiting for a death sentence.
We sat at the rear seat facing each other again. I didn’t know how to break the silence and fell silent, then,
「AS expected, they said that Reina is unneeded……wasn’t it desu?」
「Such thing――」
I couldn’t continue my words.
Seeing me at a loss for words, Reina smiled as though to console me instead.
「It’s fine. Reina is a strange child desu. Reina want to be liked and loved by other. It can’t be helped that Otou-sama and Okaa-sama got fed up with Reina desu. Reina also think it’s natural that they said Reina is bad for Reina’s little sister’s education desu.」
「Reina……」
Even Lizel-senpai was looking pained as though it was something that happened to her.
Miyabi also seemed to think that she had to do something to cheer her up. She looked like she wanted to say something before she gave up. She kept up doing that repeatedly and made a funny face each time.
Reina watched our reaction and smiled.
「That’s why, Reina……became Yuuto-san’s Card desu.」
「Eh?」
I reflexively asked back.
「If it’s Lovers, they might come to like Reina……Reina thought desu. Then if Reina can raise achievements in Devil King War……Reina thought that perhaps Otou-sama and Okaa-sama will also give their affection to Reina desu.」
And then she tilted her head with a smile.
「Even though, there is no way that can happen……desu.」
Tear glinted at the corner of her eye.
Get a hold of yourself, Morioka Yuuto.]
You are Reina’s master aren’t you? How can you claim to be the devil king candidate of Lovers if you can’t even help you Card.
But, I didn’t have any way.
I couldn’t give something like parent’s love to Reina.
What should I do?
This time even Lizel-senpai couldn’t do anything as expected. Miyabi too.
Was there nothing I could do except watching Reina’s body breaking down silently like this?
If only there was someone to shower Reina with love like parent…….
Someone.
――.
There was just one person who fit the bill.

「Lizel-senpai……please lend me a car.」
「Right, it’s pointless even if we stay like this. Let’s return to the palace for a――」
「――Can you bring us to my house?」
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Part 4

I returned home. I showed senpai and others into my room and asked them to wait for a while.
And then during that time, I talked about Reina’s situation to Kaa-san and Tou-san in the living room.
The two of them were quietly listening, but Tou-san was getting tearful and wiped his eyes several time as the story progressed. And then Kaa-san was……looking graver and graver.
It seemed she was desperately suppressing her anger, but she couldn’t completely hide it. It felt like there was a flame of fury that was making the air around Kaa-san to flicker.
To be honest……this was the first time I saw Kaa-san looking this scary.
「—That’s the situation. And so—」
「Yuu-kun.」
Kaa-san cut off my talk with a voice that was filled with anger.
「Have you finished talking?」
「Y-yeah……but, I don’t know what to do here. I want to consult with Kaa-san and Tou-san—」
Kaa-san’s eyes turned remarkably sharper that I unconsciously shut up.
And then, Kaa-san declared with a tone that broke no argument.
「We’re taking Reina-chan.」
「Eh……」
「She is our daughter from today.」
「……B-but」
Kaa-san’s eyes snapped open dangerously. Then she yelled angrily.
「No matter what anyone say!!」
I thought that Kaa-san definitely liked Reina from how she treated Reina until now.
When I recalled that, I was just thinking that she might be able to give Reina some motherly affection at least.
I never imagined that she would suddenly declare taking Reina as adopted daughter.
Of course I had no objection but—,
「……I-is that really alright?」
I asked fearfully.
「Wait a second, Kaa-san.」
Tou-san cut in.

Of course. Although Reina was a homunculus, she was no different from human. Our family would increase by one. This shouldn't be a matter that could be decided that easily.
Tou-san too must needed some time for things like preparing his heart first or resolving some other legal problems—,
「I agree with making her our daughter, but we also have to consider Reina-chan's feeling.」
You already decided!?
「Ah……y-you're right. True. It looks like I got too heated up just now. Sorry……」
Kaa-san brushed up her hair and took a deep breath. Her demonic face returned to her usual expression.
Tou-san put his hand on his chin and pondered.
「What should we do to make her agree to become our daughter……」
He was completely in persuading mode rather than merely asking Reina's feeling!
「Hey, Yuuto. Do you know how does Reina-chan think about Tou-san and Kaa-san?」
「At the very least, she seems to have good impression for both of you I think……especially to Kaa-san.」
Kaa-san held up her head high with a smug look. It felt like her face turned shiny. On the other hand, Tou-san's shoulders dropped……he looked dejected like a loser.
「And, what do you think Yuu-kun? About Reina-chan becoming your little sister.」
「Li……」
Little sister!?
「I see……that's how is it huh……」
The impression I received changed when I was told that once more.
Little sister—what a powerful word!!
「Somehow……I'm feeling excited.」
「What a coincidence. Tou-san also feel the same.」
Kaa-san watched us two men with a suspecting gaze.
「……I'll tell you two this first, this is different from the little sister or daughter story in light novel okay?」
She gave us a warning.
「The problem is how to broach this topic……she must be still in shock right now, so perhaps it will be better to give her a bit more time? If she said that she can't become our child—」
Bump There was a sound that made us turned around.
Reina was standing at the living room's entrance while holding a tray.
「……-!?」
She heard us!?
「E, err err, Reina is……tidying up the cups……」
Her expression was clearly looking shaken.

「Y-yeah, thanks. Sorry to make you do that! Do you want more drinks?」
Kaa-san stood up and took the tray.
「N-no……it's fine desu……desu.」
Reina wouldn't meet our gaze. Kaa-san frowned seeing that.
「You know, Reina-chan. We are──」
「Tsu!」
Reina turned around and rushed out of the living room.
「Reina!?」
And then she headed not to the second floor but to the entrance.
I also chased her in panic.
I slipped on my shoes at the entrance and got out of the house, but Reina's figure was already gone.
「……Tsu!」
I went until the gate that was left open and looked out over the street in front of the house, but there wasn't any sign of human around.
Where did she go to…….
When I dropped my gaze with a dark thought,
「Ah」
Reina was sitting while hugging her knees right beside the gate.
「……Reina?」
Reina kept her gaze fixed on the ground even when I called her. I crouched beside her and talked to her.
「Reina, let's return back inside.」
「Return……」
Reina looked up at me nervously.
「Is Reina's, place to return……here desu?」
I didn't know how to answer for a moment. I wanted to say yes. However that also meant severing her relationship with her true parents at Koiwai House.
「Reina……I don't know if I can say this well but, I」
「Did you find Reina-chan-!?」
Kaa-san ran out of the house. And then when she saw Reina's figure, Kaa-san also crouched down and hugged Reina.
「Aah, geez. Don't suddenly run out like that! You make us worried!」
「Worried……about Reina?」
「Obviously. Because……it's Reina-chan! Naturally we'll get worried!」
「Why, that's……」
「That's because I like Reina-chan.」
「Li……!?」
Reina looked up at Kaa-san with a shocked gaze.
Kaa-san stared back into those eyes,
「Sorry but, I'm already thinking of Reina-chan like my own daughter.」
She told her straight.
Reina's gaze wandered around in fluster.

「But, Reina……can’t bring any benefit to everyone. Reina is just, a bother desu.」
「Benefit……」
Kaa-san was suddenly at a loss of words, but she pressed her lips together and grasped Reina’s hand.
「Things like benefit, or being a bother, they don’t matter.」
「But……」
「I believe I also know how is the common sense in devil’s world work. But, I’m a human, so that doesn’t matter for me.」
It looked like tears would spill out from Reina’s eyes even now.
「Hey, Reina-chan. You don’t want to become my child?」
「……」
「Reina-chan was raised as a devil. You might be reluctant to become a human’s daughter.」
「N-no! That’s──」
She raised her voice in panic and stared at Kaa-san pleadingly.
「Reina-chan, do you like me?」
Reina blushed slightly and nodded timidly.
「I see. So you like me a little」
However next Reina shook her head to left and right.
「Eh? So you don’t like me?」
「……It’s not, a bit desu.」
Reina muttered shyly with a small voice.
「……Reina really, like you desu.」
Kaa-san made an ecstatic smile in front of that destructive power.
Tou-san coughed to stop Kaa-san from running wild.
「Aa, this isn’t a good place for this. Anyway let’s enter the house first.」
Reina looked up to Tou-san with a gaze that seemed to ask 「Is that really alright?」.
「You don’t need to give your answer right away. Can you stay in our house for a while first? Try living together with us……you can give us the answer after that.」
「……Yes.」
Reina nodded hesitantly, so we returned to the house while putting our arm around her.
After that I returned to my room and reported how things were progressing to senpai and Miyabi.
「Ueeeeee!? Suddenly an adoption-!? I’m feeling DOGGyaaAAAN in shock!」
「As expected from Yuuto’s parents……」
Senpai too was speaking half in admiration and half in astonishment.
「Then we’ll leave this matter to Yuuto’s parents. We should go home for today.」
The two of them checked the barrier around the house before they returned home.

Lizel-senpai said that she stationed her subordinates in a nearby house, so there was no need to worry no matter what happened.
After all, Reina couldn't be made to fight in her current state. If she forced herself, she might die in the worst case.
Actually I wanted to immediately try connecting Kaa-san and Reina with Cutting Connect so that Kaa-san's affection could flow into Reina directly but……perhaps it would still be difficult for now.
Putting aside Kaa-san, Reina's heart still wasn't prepared.
Just like Tou-san said, it might take a little bit of time. Anyway, we had to soothe Reina for now. Besides I had to look after my little sister as a big brother.
Looking over little sister……as a big brother.
……My tension was rising for some reason.
I saw off Lizel-senpai in her car and entered inside the house. There I saw Tou-san talking eagerly with Reina. As expected, his tension was also rising.
「Is there anything you need or want? Papa will buy you anything you want!」
Tou-san. Your way of speaking, watch it.
「E-err err, it's fine desu……sorry to make you concern yourself for Reina like this.」
Reina was keeping Tou-san company with a troubled smile.
「What are you saying. Although this is just a trial period, you are already like my daughter now that you are living here! You can also call me Otou-san you know? No! As expected, being called papa is better!」
「Tou-san……you're too high spirited. I understand why you are happy though.」
Reina looked slightly relieved when I joined the talk.
「What are you saying Yuuto? You don't feel happy with this?」
「Obviously I'm happy! My tension has reached the max inside that it's really hard to keep calm! Can't you see how I'm desperately making gravity my ally so I don't get blown away sky high!?」
「Tou-san is already shaking free from the earth's gravitational field since a long time ago! You greenhorn!!」
「That ain't something to brag for! Why are you still in eart then!?」
「I have taken a lap around universe and return back!」
「So now you know how the universe is structured!?」
「Because it's a daughter you know! A girl see!? Tou-san has……Tou-san has, dreamed this……many times……uu」
Suddenly Tou-san started to press his finger on his eyelids and let out a sob—wait, you're seriously crying!?
「M-me too! Do you know how many times I had longed for a life with little sister after reading light novels!? Then such dreamy lifestyle is suddenly starting! Who can stop their tension from rising in this situation!! To suddenly have a little sister, that was just a fantasy wasn't it!?」
「Oi! The two males over there!! Don't trouble Reina-chan!」

Kaa-san got out from the kitchen and scolded us. Put down the kitchen knife before doing that. It was scary, seriously.
「Fu, fufufuh」
Reina put her hand over her mouth and her shoulders shook.
「N-no……more, ahahahahahahahahaha」
We were staring dumbfounded at Reina who exploded into laughter.
「B-both of you, are strange desu-, desu-! Fufufufu」
Tou-san and I looked at each other and smiled wryly. Kaa-san made a complicated smile as though to say 「Good grief」.
「Come on, the dinner is finished. Sit down quickly.」
Oo……the number of dishes today was many.
Rice, miso soup, pork stamina yaki, beef shigureni, mackerel cooked in miso, deep-fried mackerel, shrimp and avocado salad, spinach boiled in bonito soy sauce, pickled vegetables, Pollack roe, bottled……etc etc.
「I thought that you must be hungry today, so Kaa-san made a lot! It's a duel, can you eat them all or not!!」
「Yosh! I accept that challenge! Reina is also fine with that right!?」
「R-Reina will do her best desu-」
There were already four chairs at the table. Usually the chair beside me had no one sitting on it, but today Reina was sitting there.
「Then itadakimasu-!」
「「Itadakimasu.」」
「I-itadakimasu, desu.」
I said itadakimasu after Kaa-san and then I immersed myself to the food before my eyes.
My stomach was certainly hungry.
After all there was the athletic festival today, then there was Reina's case right after it and we went to hospital, then to Reina's house, it was really busy today. We had dinner really late from the usual time today.
However, the conversation that was to be had during dinner even while eating was indispensable. The topic was what happened today and about various other things like the television news for example.
「Haha, but Yuuto really worked hard today. You got disqualified but you were still the MVP!」
「Really. Also the cheerleader girls were really cute~. I also wanted to try doing that!」
「Oh, it looks like the weather will be sunny for a while.」
The miscellaneous talk continued.
「We are going to cheer for Reina-chan too when it's the middle school's athletic festival!」
「T-that's……yes.」
「Now that you mentioned it, what about Reina-chan's daily necessities?」
「Let's go buy them together tomorrow! A shopping with everyone together!」
「Y-yes……」

Reina’s eating speed was gradually getting slower. At the end her hands completely stopped moving. She was staring still at diagonally to the front with her hands holding still her bowl and chopstick in the air.
「Hm? What’s wrong? Does the food taste bad?」
「Reina?」
Tears spilled out from her eyes in large drops.
「It’s delicious……desu. Desu」
Kaa-san and Tou-san ran toward Reina in panic.
「What’s wrong, Reina-chan?」
「Is there anywhere that feel hurt? You can tell us anything if something bothers you.」
Reina put down her bowl and chopstick, then she covered her hand and started to cry.
「Because……it’s delicious desu, it’s warm desu……」
Kaa-san and Tou-san made surprised face.
「Together, with family……uu……ue」
Kaa-san silently hugged Reina and gently patted her back. And then, I and Tou-san continued to watch them until Reina calmed down.

Part 5

「Err……is it, really okay desu?」
Reina was lying down on my bed. She looked down on me apologetically.
「Yeah. I don't want to make Reina sleep on the floor.」
I entered the sleeping bag that Tou-san bought in the past because of a temporary madness and slept on the floor.
Unfortunately we didn't have any empty room here, so this was a temporary measure for now. We were going to tidy up a room that had been used as storage until now to be Reina's room.
「This is……this is, like a dream desu.」
「You are exaggerating.」
「Reina thought……Reina thought, that she isn't loved or needed by anyone.」
「……Reina.」
「Otou-sama and Okaa-sama were affectionate to Reina only when Reina was just born.」
「I see……」
「Besides, the sense of distance here is completely different. Everyone in Yuuto-san's house, are close with each other……perhaps that's why desu. When Reina is here, it feels……really warm desu……desu.」
Reina's words stopped coming. In exchange the sound of her sleeping breath entered my ears.
I felt strangely relieved when I heard her sleeping like that.
I had to work even harder than now starting tomorrow……so that she could recognize me as a big brother…….
I too was falling asleep deeply before I realized it.
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Part 6

「……wake up.」
Someone was calling me.
「Please wake up. It's time for breakfast desu desu.」
A kind voice. It was completely different from Kaa-san's high tensioned way of waking me up. Who in the world──,
「Ah, you wake up.」
It was Reina's joyful face.
「Aa……good morning, Reina.」
It's really nice, this peaceful morning. Being woken up by little sister, to think that such unrealistic thing was happening.
Ah, she hadn't become my little sister yet.
If I kept sleeping and she said, How slovenly! I don't want to be the little sister of someone like this, I won't be able to recover.
I crawled out from the sleeping bag and lifted up my body.
「I'll quickly go down after changing clothes.」
「Yes, understood desu.」
Reina walked until the door but then she stopped. She looked hesitant.
「Hm? What's the matter?」
「No……then, Reina will go ahead……Onii-chan.」
──Eh,
Reina's face turned red, then she ran down the stair to escape.
Just now, she called me……Onii-chan.
──That means!?
HYAHHOOOUUUUUUUU!!
I jumped on my feet while shouting in joy inside my heart.
I couldn't stay like this. I took off my pajama in a hurry and washed my face at the second floor's washbasin, then I wore my uniform's trouser and shirt before going down to the first floor noisily.
When I arrived at the dining room, Reina had just finished lining up the breakfast on the table.
I sat on a chair and said itadakimasu. After a while──,
「Reina-chan. Let's go shopping after the school is over today. We should meet up somewhere.」
「Y-yes. Then……when the school is over, Reina will call by phone……ma……」

Reina replied with a nervous face. And then she hesitated to say her next word.
「Ma?」
Kaa-san tilted her head with a puzzled look.
I cheered her *Do your best!* Inside my heart.
I didn't know whether my feeling reached her or not. However—m
「……Mama」
Reina resolved herself and conveyed her feeling.
Kaa-san stiffened.
「……a」
Kaa-san rubbed her eyes that almost shed out tears. And then she answered with a smile that was like sunflower.
「Yep! Mama will wait for Reina-chan's call!」
After that Reina moved her gaze to Tou-san.
「Err……please tell Reina other story after your work is over, desu……papa」
Tou-san's body shook as though he had been hit by lightning.
Tou-san also became tearful.
「Yeah! For some reason papa get really motivated to work now! Yooosh, I'll finish up my work in a flash!! I'll leave a good result while also aiming to go home in time!!」
「What's with you so suddenly, strange father.」
The morning breakfast was filled with laughter.
I wonder why. All the meals in this house until now were already fun, but now it became even more fun that before.
I looked at Reina and thought inside my heart.
—Thank you, Reina. For becoming our family.

Chapter 2 – One Day Suddenly, A Little Sister

Part 1

After Reina accepted becoming our family, I linked a magical circuit between Kaa-san and Reina with Cutting Connect.
With this Kaa-san's affection should be transmitted to Reina in the shape of energy. In fact, the effect from that was extraordinary. According to Reina—,
「A-amazing desu. It feels like Reina is bursting with power, and refreshing, Reina is feeling extremely energetic! It even feels scary……Reina's body is a little bit hot desu……eh, Reina's head is dizzy……」
「Reinaaa!?」
Reina was swaying on her feet. I held her body and hurriedly cut the circuit.
—Kaa-san's love was too excessive it was bad.
I somehow limited the amount to just the right quantity by thinning the circuit.
Anyway, the prospect about Reina's energy supply was looking brighter with this. However this was just an emergency measure in the end.
We had to hurry with preparing a new core.
I immediately reported to Lizel-senpai and Miyabi at lunch break.
We ate lunch in the cafeteria while having our meeting.
I talked about what happened this morning. Tears were gathering in the eyes of the two.
「—Is that so……that's great. Reina too has finally found a family.」
「I-it's really……greaaat……what a touching storyyy that my heart goes jiiin」
Miyabi was sniffling while wiping her tears.
「Yes, it's also thanks to everyone……she is still a bit awkward, but I think she will get used to it before long.」
「I see, but—」
Lizel-senpai covered her mouth as though something was worrying her.
「Is something the matter?」
I retorted to myself after asking that.
I'm an idiot.
Of course senpai was worried about Reina's core.
「She is living under the same roof with Yuuto now……I'm jealous.」
Eh!? It's that!?
「W-what are you saying so suddenly, senpai.」
Miyabi's tears also stopped right away.
「Indeed! Thinking carefully it's a real whaam! It's unfair!」

「It’s not a matter of unfair or anything……」
Miyabi looked like she got an idea and her expression turned bright.
「That’s right! I just need to live there tooo!!」
「Ha!? Wait wait! My place isn’t a mansion like Miyabi’s home!」
「Then, how about Yuuto living in my place!?」
「Now see here……enough with the nonsense Miyabi.」
Senpai chided Miyabi who was going wild. As expected from Lizel-senpai, such composure.
「We can also widen Yuuto’s house instead.」
She……she isn’t composed at all!?
「M-more importantly……right now we should think about the matter of Reina’s core isn’t it?」
I timidly raised the topic. Lizel-senpai blushed slightly to hear that and she cleared her throat with a cough.
「I-I’m properly thinking about it. We’re going to hold a ritual tonight so…… keep your schedule open.」
「Ritual……is it?」
「Yes. It’s a ritual to refine magic stone that has been passed down in Himekami House.」
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Part 2

That night, we headed to a certain place in Lizel-senpai's car.
I was told that it was the most suitable place to hold the ritual tonight.
「It's……this place?」
In front of me was a castle──or a building that looked like it towering high. Large and flashy neon lamps were shining bright. That was to say, this was a hotel where lovers usually carried out their deed of love.
Miyabi was also blushing. She was staring at the price list on the notice board at the entrance that showed the costs for short break or staying the night.
「A-ahaha……senpai, you are really bold.」
After she muttered that, Miyabi looked up at me with a gaze that was filled with expectation and anxiety.
「Do, do you wanna……do our first time……today?」
「Eh……t-that's」
My face was blushing right now without a doubt. My cheeks were feeling hot, so I knew that without even looking at a mirror.
「What kind of misunderstanding you have?」
Lizel-senpai was glaring.
「I judged that this place is the best after observing the flow of the leyline, position, the flow of mana today, and also the movement of the stars.」
「I see……I don't really get it but, that sounds really magical. Even so, I don't know that devils are also curious about horoscope.」
「Yes……annoyingly.」
「Lizel-senpai?」
Lizel-senpai frowned for some reason before she entered the hotel. We were still wearing our uniform, was this alright? I felt uneasy, but Miyabi and me also followed behind her.
The automatic door opened and we found a cozy lobby behind it. Coincidentally there was a couple who looked like company employees choosing a room and a couple who looked like university students waiting for their turn there. They looked at us in shock when we entered.
When I imagined what they could be thinking about us, I felt really embarrassed and wanted to run away from here. I could feel their questioning atmosphere 「Is it alright for them to be here?」 even while we were waiting for our turn.

Even so, this was a place where people didn’t want to get involved with each other, so the two couples quickly finished choosing their room and vanished into the elevator.
「Now then……we’re choosing our room with this?」
「Eh? This is also senpai’s first time here?」
「That’s obvious isn’t it? I have investigated the way to use this place beforehand just in case though.」
Her prim face was turning slightly pink when I looked at senpai from the side. As expected, Lizel-senpai was also feeling embarrassed. After noticing that, senpai seemed adorable when I recalled how she gallantly entered the hotel.
On the other hand, Miyabi was regaining her usual rhythm. Perhaps she was getting used to this place or perhaps she was relieved after the other couples had gone.
「Ah! This room is cute!! But, this room also looks amazing!!」
「Senpai, which room are we going to use?」
「……It’s troubling, there is none that feels just right.」
After hesitating between different choices for a while, a new couple arrived so senpai pushed the button of a random room in panic.
And then we escaped to the elevator.
「I wonder……how is the other guests are thinkin’ about us.」
「High school students still in their uniform, what’s more there is one man and two women……」
They couldn’t possibly imagine anything else other than immoral thought. Perhaps they were thinking, *these guys are too advanced even though they’re still high schooler,* something like that?
We came here to save our comrade and family Reina! I repeated that excuse in my heart. If I didn’t do this, I would feel so ashamed I wouldn’t be able to endure it.
We got off the elevator at the fourth floor and prayed that we didn’t bump with other couple while walking through the corridor quickly. Then we entered the room.
The room was really spacious and clean. The interior was also tidy, but it felt cheap after seeing something like our palace and Reina’s family house.
「Then, we are going to prepare. Yuuto, you go clean yourself in the bathroom first.」
I did as I was told and entered the bath to wash my body. The bathroom was really spacious and it felt like the bathtub was big enough for three people to enter.
……For some reason, I was going through a process that was exactly the same like the protocol when going to love hotel that I heard from rumor, so I was getting excited despite myself.
Come to think of it, what kind of ritual it would be?

I erased my imagination each time one came up in my head, then I got out of the bath. I was also told to wear a bathrobe instead of uniform, so I followed the instruction.
「……Sorry to make you wait.」
The situation had changed completely when I returned to the room.
The lamp was turned off. There was indirect lighting that looked like candle's flame, which increased the atmosphere of obscenity. The wall that was painted with warm color was drawn with magic circle and magic letters.
In addition the table and chairs were moved to the corner and there was a large magic circle on the floor. A bottle that was filled with liquid, a pile of sand, a lithograph, and a fragment of metal were placed at the four cardinal directions around it.
「This is……it feels amazing for some reason.」
「The preparation is finished. Then, we should clean ourselves too.」
「Yeees. Then, Yuuto. You mustn't peek m'kay!」
After the two of them disappeared into the bathroom, I sat cross-legged on the bed. I thought it would be bad if I carelessly approached the magic circle and ruined it.
I waited like that for fifteen minutes. Then Lizel-senpai and Miyabi came out of the bath.
「Ah, senpa──」
They were only wearing a towel wrapped on their body. Even though the sexiness of a girl who had just taken a bath was already dangerous, this appearance was even more terrific.
「Then, let's quickly begin.」
「Y-yes.」
Urged by Lizel-senpai, I went to the center of the magic circle that was drawn on the floor together with Miyabi.
The dim indirect lighting made Lizel-senpai and Miyabi's appearance looked even sexier.
「Then……Miyabi.」
「Y-yeah.」
The two of them looked like they were mustering their courage before they took off the towel around their body.
「……Wait!?」
The two's limbs stood out within the darkness.
This wasn't about being erotic or sexy anymore.
Lewd. Obscene. Arousing.
I did nothing except continuing to look at the two's beautiful body as though I forgot how to talkl.
I had seen the two's indecent appearance several times before, but I had never seen them naked right from the front like this.

Lizel-senpai’s proportion was perfect, it was just too perfect. Her breasts that were protruding forward were drawing beautiful curves. Everything of them including the tips that were standing stiff was like a work of art.
In contrast of the breasts that were swelling out largely, the area around her stomach was slim.
The shadow from the indirect lighting was emphasizing the lewdness of the flesh excessively. I knew from experience that there was a trained abs there, but at the surface there was only a feminine smooth curve visible.
And then, her thighs were plump and voluptuous. However her legs were long, so it didn’t give the impression of being fat. It seemed senpai was concerned about her thighs, but these ones were also forming beautiful curves. Anyway the presence of her voluptuous long legs was staggering.
On the other hand Miyabi’s body of the whole was more well-fleshed compared to senpai.
She wasn’t fat by any means. I should call it sensual. If Lizel-senpai was aiming to the perfection of a work of art, Miyabi’s flesh body was like the materialization of male’s desire.
Her large breasts couldn’t possibly be enveloped with one hand. They protrude out to the front and desperately fought the force of gravity. Her butts were also jutting out greatly to her behind. Both parts were going boing boing and filling her skin to bursting.
It was terrifying that with this proportion, she claimed that when she was getting fat it would start from her breasts and butts.
Miyabi’s fighting style was based on martial arts. Her body was even more trained than Lizel-senpai, but her body was still maintaining their feminine curves. The fats that were thinly attached on her body were hiding muscles behind them. Such thing couldn’t be seen just from a glance.
There was no way a man existed who could maintain their sanity in front of these two woman bodies.
I wanted to forget everything and indulged myself to the two’s bodies—such desire flashed at the corner of my mind.
Perhaps the atmosphere of this room was also at fault that I had such thought.
It felt like I was in a dream, as though this sight was lacking realism somewhat.
「Yuuto too. Take off your bathrobe.」
As I thought, it turned out like that…….
To be honest, I felt absurdly shy. But, it was uncool that I was hesitating in embarrassment even though senpai and Miyabi had turned naked.
I firmed my resolve and took off my bathrobe before tossing it off outside the magic circle.
「……Tsu!」
「Hyah……!?」
The two’s gazes turned toward my crotch. Their eyes opened wide like saucer.

……As I thought, it’s intensely embarrassing.
「a……」
「Amazing……it’s that……」
The two’s throats gulped almost at the same time.
「E-err……and, what are we going to do now?」
Lizel-senpai gasped and returned to her senses. She went to take a box that was placed at the corner of the room.
There was a transparent case inside the box with a chain attached on it like a necklace. A black stone was placed inside it.
「This is a raw ore of magic stone. I chose one with good quality, so it’s good enough to be a homunculus’s core.」
Lizel-senpai explained while fixing the chain around my neck.
「We’re going to apply Lovers’ characteristic magic Healing Lovers and Infinite Lovers. We are going to share our mana to Yuuto. Then Yuuto will send that mana in addition of your own mana to the magic stone. The important point here is mixing the mana of male and female.」
「I see……but, is it alright to just send mana to the magic stone?」
「Magic formula of refinement is engraved to that chain and case.」
「I see, so the magic stone will be refined with that……but, why are we naked like this?」
「That’s……」
It seemed that it was hard for Lizel-senpai to say the reason. She was fidgeting.
「B-because this ritual magic is……a sex magic.」
It felt like I heard a vocabulary with an unsettling sound…….
「Sex magic can produce a terrifying power. We can’t waste time right now for Reina’s sake so……this is the best way to successfully refine magic stone without consuming too much time.」
Lizel-senpai crouched down and took out an ink bottle, brush, and a paper from inside the box on the floor.
Picture of human’s front and back was drawn on that paper. Patterns that looked like tattoo was drawn on the whole body of the picture.
「We are going to draw the same pattern in this paper on our body. Then we will carry out the sex magic ritual. The knack of the ritual is the same with Healing Lovers.」
The point was to draw the body paint on each other’s body.
「……I understand.」
「Then, we are going to draw the patterns on Yuuto’s body first.」
Lizel-senpai and Miyabi each took a brush and drew the patterns on my body. This made me felt like I was doing an animism ritual or a primitive religion ritual.
I think there were some tribes in Africa or South America that had this kind of culture.
Putting that aside, this felt a bit ticklish.
I unconsciously twisted my body. Miyabi went 「Aaah」.

「Geez Yuuto, don’t go shake shake! You made my hand slipped!」
「I can’t help it!」
I tried to endure it somehow but, I almost writhed when they drew on my side.
「Then, next is the butt♪」
「……Kuh」
Why were you having that much fun, Miyabi.
「Wait. We should each do one side to make it fair.」
Even Lizel-senpai!?
After that, there was a quarrel to decide who would do the front part, but they compromised by deciding that they would take turn for each line.
「So next is my turn huh……then I’ll start from Lizel-senpai.」
「Take care of me. It has to be man who draw the patterns on the woman body so……Miyabi, watch from there.」
「Yeees. Then Yuuto, do your best!」
Miyabi sat down to take a rest.
I soaked the brush with ink and faced Lizel-senpai’s breast while holding the example paper in one hand. Her skin was pure white without any stain.
It was a pure white canvas that was completely untouched.
I was nervous and wondered if it was really alright to dirty this beautiful skin.
But it was useless to hesitate like this. I decisively placed the brush’s tip on her skin.
「Ah……」
A stifled sigh leaked out from senpai’s mouth.
I concentrated as much as possible and moved the brush.
「Nh……kuu!」
「Senpai, are you alright?」
「Y-yes……I’m fine. It feels goo……ticklish, more than I expected.」
I drew a line from her chest and through her breast. The surface wasn’t flat and curved drastically, so it was unexpectedly hard to draw.
Lizel-senpai’s body was also shaking. Perhaps she was feeling it. Her large breasts would jiggle each time. I would wait until her shaking settled down before continuing again.
This was a magic ritual, but it didn’t change the fact that what I was doing was scribbling on Lizel-senpai’s body.
The feeling of immorality of dirtying Lizel-senpai’s body was giving an abnormal obscene atmosphere to this ritual.
Scribbling on a woman’s breast. It felt unreal for me.

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I kept telling myself to focus, but my emotion was seething endlessly inside my chest.
I finally finished drawing the pattern on senpai's breasts.
For some reason I felt relieved that I didn't need to paint her pink nipples.
Next was her stomach.
「Nnhu! Haan♥」
Lizel-senpai's body twisted.
「I'm sorry……but, my body just reflexively reacted……」
「N-no, it's fine.」
Although I said that, the line got crooked quite a lot. It made me worried whether this ritual could properly function or not like this. I started painting the pattern at the abdomen with meticulous attention.
「Hm?」
There was already a heart shaped pattern there.
「That's, the proof of being a Card of Lovers. It's the proof that I belong to you.」
「Is……that so」
It was rude to stare at this kind of place so I didn't notice until now but…… this, made my heart beat really fast.
Was it the same with Miyabi? When I turned my gaze toward her,
「I also have it y'know?」
She kneeled and pushed out her stomach.
There was the same heart shaped pattern like senpai there.
「It won't vanish even if you draw the ritual pattern on top of it, so don't worry and continue.」
「……Y-yes.」
Urged by senpai to continue, I returned to draw the pattern on her body.
However, by chance the pattern was avoiding the heart mark and it didn't get covered up at the end.
I also drew on her beautiful legs, thighs, and even her calves. It finally ended after I drew on the top of her feet.
Lizel-senpai sat down on the floor. It seemed she was too frazzled to even stand up.
「Lizel-senpai, are you alright?」
Lizel-senpai's shoulders were moving up and down along with her breathing. She brushed off her hair that was clinging on her cheek due to sweat.
「Y-yes……I'm fine. Then, Miyabi's next.」
「Y-yeppers. G-go easy on me……」
Miyabi was getting cold feet after seeing the exhausted Lizel-senpai.
It turned out she was even more ticklish than Lizel-senpai, so in the end she had to lie down with Lizel-senpai holding down her hands before I finally managed to finish.
「Haa……an♥ Fua……nh♥」

Miyabi stayed lying down on the floor limply when it was finished. It looked like even her consciousness was hazy with an ecstatic look on her face.
「Come on Miyabi, get a hold of yourself. The crucial moment will only start now.」
Lizel-senpai supported Miyabi so that she could sit up.
「Then Yuuto. Let's begin the Healing Lovers.」
「Yes.」
I reached out toward the two's breasts at the same time.
「Nh♥」
「Aahn♥」
I moved my hands in a circle while gently massaging using my fingertips. Even though the sensations at my left and right were really different, I felt a fresh excitement. This was my first time massaging and comparing the texture of Lizel-senpai and Miyabi's breasts, but I never expected them to be this different.
「Ah, aa……good. Just like that, Yuuto.」
「Kuuun♥ The, the way you massage-, is, is too lewwd……♥」
The two's faces were melting in pleasure. The patterns on their breasts were starting to shine.
「This is……」
The tattoo's lines shined and flowed toward me. It flowed along the lines drawn on my body and went into the magic stone on my chest.
The edge of the pitch black magic stone became slightly transparent.
「If we continue in this vein……uh!?」
A heavenly pleasure ran through my crotch.
「Fufu……unpreparedness is one's greatest enemy you know?」
「Ehehe……we'll also go into attack m'kay?」
The two's fingers were entangled with each other. The sensation of their fingers and palms felt too good that my waist shook even though they were just touching.
「S-senpai, Miyabi. T-that's not good. If you touch there, it feels too good…… I'm at my limit.」
I squeezed out my voice to tell them—but it brought the opposite effect. Senpai and Miyabi's eyes shined mysteriously.
They pressed their body on mine with a completely turned on face. Their breasts that each had their own unique texture were pressed on my body.
「—Tsu!?」
The two of them started to move their hands with a coordinated timing.
「It's alright, Yuuto……we have a lot of time♥」
「Yeeep. You won't produce good mana if you aren't feelin' it……don't hold back♥」
I hugged the two's bodies and grabbed their large butts.
「Hyaan♥」
「I'm weak, at that place-……♥」

We became creatures of instinct that only focused on extracting pleasure from each other.
—And then, the next morning.
I opened my eyes on top of the completely messed up bed. Lizel-senpai and Miyabi were still sleeping beside me.
I didn’t really remember what happened at the end. However, the ritual was a success.
On my chest was its proof—a magic stone of the finest quality was dangling there.
It was a pink gem without a single cloudiness in it.
It was the crystallization of the thought of us three. A beautiful gem that anyone would stare to in fascination.
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Part 3

I spent a night together with Lizel-senpai and Miyabi and successfully refined a magic stone.
The problem was how to exchange this stone with the current core of Reina. Homunculus body itself was a bundle of magic formulas. The formulas would collapse the moment a part of it was taken out. In other words Reina would break into pieces and vanished.
What should we do from here on?
Three days had passed since I started worrying about that. After school. For some reason I was watching a movie together with Headmaster Gandou Barbatos.
We weren't in a movie theater, but at the gymnasium where a projector was installed to turn the place into an improvised movie theater. However as expected from the devil king academy. The projector and audio equipment here would put normal theater to shame. The image on the screen and the sound were packing a punch.
However what they were watching was a movie version of an anime.
「Haha~, as expected, seeing adorable girls with fancy design killing each other, for some reason it's really calming isn't it~」
The headmaster said that while gulping down a canned beer.
「I can't agree with that statement but, it's true that it's interesting. Ah, that's nice action scene!」
A headmaster who used the gym as a movie theater as he pleased while having fun with a beer in one hand……as expected from Ginsei Academy, aka devil king academy. Everything goes here.
「Oh! Homuhomu is really going there!」
「It's rewinding time stuff isn't it!」
「As expected time manipulation is just awesome as an ability!」
「That's certainly true. But, something like that will be really unbeatable if it exist.」
「Haha, time manipulation is troublesome, but it's not really that scary if it's just one person! What's dangerous if a guy like that join hand with others──」
Loop.
Time manipulation……huh.
If, something like that was possible,
Could Reina be saved if her time was stopped?

「Hm? Oi oi, what's the matter?」
「Ah, no……my Knight is in a bad condition. I'm wondering if she can be saved somehow with something like this.」
「Aa, Card's maintenance is also included within the job description after all!」
「And, about that……is there a way to stop homunculus body from breaking down?」
Headmaster Gandou hummed while folding his arms.
「Sorry but I can't back up a specific devil king candidate! Sensei also cannot give any advice to the current candidates about how the arcanas were used last time!」
「Is that so……of course you are.」
Putting that aside, now that he said it, Headmaster Gandou was also a devil king candidate at the previous Devil King War.
「Headmaster Gandou, what arcana you had at the previous war?」
Headmaster opened another canned beer. I had lost count of how many he had drunk.
「That's a secret☆ Uehihihi」
He grinned with a wink and gulped down his beer.
……Why was he laughing like Yuuki Aoi just now?
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Part 4

A skyscraper that was in the middle of construction was towering high with the bright moon at the background.
It was constructed from only framework. It looked like the tower of Babel that was in the middle of construction.
The framework that was illuminated by the moonlight also looked like the city’s skeleton.
Six devil king candidates were gathering within that husk.
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Wheel of Fortune, Shimokadzu Rinne.
Tower, Takakuzure Marios.
Strength, Sannou Rikimaru.
Moon, Kitakami Lunatic.
Sun, Sansa Summers.
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And then—Death, Joudougahama Lost.
「—And so, I suggested that we teamed up for the time being and remove those in our way. What do you guys think?」
「Hmph, I see now!」
The one who said that was a girl wearing hotpants and training wear that showed her navel with a jersey put on like a coat on her shoulders—the devil king candidate of Strength, Sannou Rikimaru was putting on a smirk on her lips.
「I understand why you don’t want to turn this Rikimaru-chan into an enemy.」
Her red hair was tied into a ponytail so that she could move easily. Her body was muscular with low body fat percentage, but the chest that she puffed out proudly was mysteriously big.
「After all this Rikimaru-chan is the strongest! After all I’m the Strength!!」
She said that while holding out her devil king arcana to the front for showing off. It had a picture of a woman taming a lion—it was the arcana of strength.
「Yes! Strength is justice! Strength is Power!!」
It was a statement that sounded really lacking in intelligence coming from a second year student of Ginsei Academy.
「Good grief……sheesh.」

The devil king candidate of Moon, Kitakami Lunatic was looking at that Rikimaru with a cold gaze.
He had silver hair and melancholic gaze. His face had makeup applied on it, making him looked like a male host or a rocker.
Lunatic was also showing his Moon arcana that was held between his fingers pompously as though to proof his identity. The picture on the arcana was of a large moon with two dogs and a crayfish looking up at it.
It possessed a mysterious aura that felt like it would cause anxiety and madness just from looking at it.
Lunatic put back that card into his pocket and looked at Rikimaru with a condescending attitude. (TN: I'm referring to Lunatic using he, but actually there is no description at all whether he is actually a male or female until now.)
「It feels like the devil king candidate of Strength is made up purely from muscle, even her brain.」
「What did you sayyy!? Rikimaru-chan is one of the prime candidates! I'm different from someone with thin presence like you!!」
Lunatic only loosened his smirk even when he was disparaged.
「Mukiii! That condescending attitude is annoying! I'm going to take you down first!!」
The last person cut in when Rikimaru took a fighting pose.
「Now now, don't be angry like that. Luna too, don't provoke her like that. Let's have fun with this okaay♪」
That girl also showed her arcana by holding it beside her face. A large sun and two children were drawn on it.
The Sun, Sansa Summers.
She was a second year and a classmate of Lunatic. She had blond hair and tanned skin that looked healthy. Her clothing style was like she was going to a poolside or to a resort.
The amazing thing was that she was going to school dressed like this too.
Lost smiled when he heard Sansa's statement.
「Can I take it to mean—that you are joining this alliance?」
「Well yeah. In the first place Luna and me are already a team♪」
「Hee……as expected from you. Furthermore it feels like sun and moon has good compatibility with each other.」
「Fufufu, I'm the shining sun after all. My forte is to illuminate other people brightly. That's why my affinity with other devil king candidates is also good.」
「I see. That's reassuring.」
「But, there is something that is slightly in my mind thoughh」
「What is it?」
「I never saw you in the academy……what class you are?」
Lost shrugged with a troubled look at Sansa's question.
「Actually I caused a bit of trouble. I got suspended from before I enrolled……」

「What's that, sounds funny.」
Sansa chuckled. Lost himself also smiled with his eyes closed.
「Don't laugh, it's embarrassing after all. I also sulked and never go to the academy even once. That's why I never even checked which class I was put into. I didn't even have any uniform.」
Lost spread open his hands as though to say that's just how it is.
「But, luckily or unluckily, the Death arcana is in my possession.」
He took out a card from his pocket and showed it.
The figure of skeleton holding a scythe was drawn there. Dismembered corpses were scattered under it.
It was undoubtedly the arcana of death.
「Got it. Well……I too have opponent that I'm weak against, so this alliance is convenient for me.」
Sansa smiled cheerfully.
「Nice. That worked out just like I want it if you agree with this.」
Lost also smiled in satisfaction, then he spoke to Kitakami Lunatic next.
「Are you also okay with this?」
Lunatic sighed with a smile.
「It can't be helped if Sansa is interested. But……are you alright with this? This alliance will only give me advantage. In the end you guys are also fated to be defeated by me.」
He looked up to the moon that was floating in the sky with a gaze filled with sorrow.
「If that happen, I intend to give up because it can't be helped. How many Cards you have gathered currently?」
「Three people.」
「That's unexpectedly few.」
「I only accept those who have both beauty and strength that I recognize. Currently I only have a Queen and a Knight, and one Suit Card numbered II^2.」
「The difference between the top and bottom is really wide……what about you Sansa?」
「I still don't have any Card. I'm going to choose good Cards from the candidates who drop out.」
「I see. That might be a clever method in its own way.」
Lost nodded with a gesture that seemed easygoing.
「……You said that but what about you yourself?」
Lunatic kept his gaze fixed on the moon while sending a sidelong glance at Lost.
「Aa, both Rinne and me don't have any Card just like Sansa.」
「Oh, that's unexpected.」
Sansa tilted her head.
There, a pointlessly energetic voice interrupted.
「Rikimaru-chan has full member you know! Everyone has nice muscles!!」
「As expected of you. I can't believe you can gather that many.」

「Hm? Why!? You just need anyone who you like!」
「I'm not good with socializing.」
Lost shrugged.
Sansa turned her gaze to Marios who kept standing at some distance away since some time ago.
「──And, what about you?」
The Tower Marios was watching the conversation between Lost and other quietly since some time ago.
Rikimaru, Lunatic, Sansa──he knew from the start that these three were devil king candidates.
They were quite strong, but they could be taken care of with Babel Tower.
Though that was if they weren't meeting face to face like this.
He was a type that displayed his power when he was hiding. That was why meeting face to face with enemies like this wasn't a good plan. It only had demerit for him.
He was deploying his Cards at a nearby building just in case but……his Suit Cards were annihilated by Lost the other day.
Marios replied with an annoyed tone.
「I only have five Court Cards. Thanks to a certain someone.」
「Aa……I'm really sorry for that.」
Lost shrugged theatrically.
「But, I believe that this alliance will surely benefit you.」
Obviously.
Marios desperately suppressed the seething inside his chest.
He would make this alliance compensate for his lost of Suit Cards──that was the only reason why he came to this meet up that only gave him demerit.
「Ah, but」
Sansa raised her voice as though she had recalled something. Her decorated nails brushed her hair that had a feminine scent.
「I have one condition to participate in this alliance.」
Lost replied cheerfully.
「What could it be?」
「Make our first target the Star, Hoshigaoka Stella.」
──This girl.
Marios glared at Sansa in annoyance.
She planned to have the one in her way to be removed first. And then, after that she would pretend that this alliance didn't exist──*your intention is clear as day, you shitty woman!*
「I guess that's alright……then」
「Wait a second.」
「Oh, Marios-san. Do you have something to say?」
「Make our first target the Lovers.」
Sansa and Rikimaru made a face that blatantly said 「Haa?」.
「Wait, by Lovers you mean, that human right? I saw him once at his debut introduction but……you know?」

「Yeah! Bluntly speaking, he isn't any problem! Rikimaru-chan doesn't care at all!」
「B-but still……he defeated the World and the Devil you know?」
This time Lunatic snorted 「Fu」.
「The World is certainly a powerful arcana. He was originally a favorite contender but……that arcana is wasted for that Aspite. As for Devil, he isn't anything special as long as we understand the specs of his characteristic magic.」
「In other words, it's strange to feel that Lovers is a threat. Or perhaps, is there something about him?」
「……」
Of course there was, that was why he was asking this. However, he would also expose his weakness if he spoke about it in detail. These guys would become his enemy the moment this alliance was dissolved. Lost and Rinne already knew, but he wanted to prevent the information from spreading as much as possible.
Sansa tilted her head.
「On the contrary, how come a human is a devil king candidate……that's what I'm curious about.」
Lost heard Sansa's whisper and put his hands together as though he recalled something.
「Then, how about we have the Lovers to join an alliance with us too?」
「What did you sayyy!?」
Marios reflexively yelled, but Sansa and Rikimaru lightheartedly replied 「It's okay I guess?」.
A blood vein throbbed on Marios's forehead from rage.
What kind of alliance is this! He couldn't accept it!!
Lost quietly approached Marios just before his dissatisfaction exploded.
「You should restrain yourself here.」
「Aa?」
「It seems those two want to kill Hoshigaoka Stella no matter what. It also feels like they won't participate in the alliance if we don't accept their condition.」
「Something like that isn't my business. I――」
「It's fine isn't it? It's not like I'm telling you to become the Lovers's ally.」
「……What?」
「In other words――」
Lost showed a friendly smile.
「It'll be easier to kill someone who trust you right?」
「You bastard……」
「Besides, the Lovers has Himekami Lizel with him. She is formidable. But if we are in alliance, you might be able to meet Morioka Yuuto alone.」
Certainly.
Against a mere human, he wouldn't even need to use Babel Tower. He would be able to kill him easily.

「……Got it. I’ll do it your way.」
With Marios’s agreement, it was decided to invite another candidate to their alliance.
And then, the first sacrifice by this alliance was also decided.
It was the devil king candidate who was often called as the strongest among the candidates of this generation outside of the Triumph.
The Star, Hoshigaoka Stella.
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Part 5

「Onii-chan. Onii-chan, please wake up.」
My body was gently shaken.
Having a little sister waking you up──what a luxury that is. I wanted to taste this blissful time for a bit more and pretended that I was still asleep.
「He won't wake up desu……then……Reina will move to the next step, desu.」
The next step?
There was a weight straddling my stomach. And then small hands shook my chest.
「Onii-chan. Err, if you don't wake up quickly……Reina will have to, move to the third step……」
I sensed something disquieting and my eyes snapped open.
Reina who was straddling me entered my sight.
「G-good morning desu.」
My little sister tilted her head adorably and greeted me.
「Reina……why are you climbing on me?」
「Eh? But, isn't this the way little sister wake up their big brother desu?」
Why did she think that……it was fine because it was cute though.
「And what is this third step you mentioned……」
「In the third step, Reina will crawl under the blanket. And then the last step is……」
Reina's cheeks blushed and she averted her gaze.
「Reina thought that perhaps, it's still too early to do that……」
Reina fidgeted shyly. Her crotch was grinding at my sensitive part when she did that, so it was extremely troubling.
「A-anyway I'm already awake so it's alright. Thank you, Reina.」
When I said my thanks, Reina's smile bloomed like a flower.
「no! This is simply Reina's duty as little sister desu desu!」
Reina got down from on top of me and got out of the room in a good mood.
I felt like there was some kind of misunderstanding about her way to act as little sister though……?
I felt slightly doubtful, even so it was cute so I didn't question it any further.
After that I ate breakfast and we go to school together.
Although I said that, Lizel-senpai's car picked us up right after we got out of the house.

Reina got down in front of the middle school building and we parted there for a while.
「Then Reina, don't force yourself.」
「Yes. Then, let's meet again at the palace after school.」
Lizel-senpai shook her head lightly.
「No. We don't mind if Reina rest for a while. Let's see……it'll be better if you are together with Okaa-sama as much as possible.」
「Yes……sorry desu. Then, Reina will go home directly and stay together with mama.」
After the door was closed, the car started moving toward the high school building.
「How is Reina doing?」
「Yes. She is alright right now……but, when I thought that she might collapse again……」
「Yeah……we have to quickly find a way to exchange Reina's core.」
The car arrived at the high school building without even any time for us to have a proper chat.
We would ate lunch when it was lunch break while having discussion.
Reina kept occupying my mind that I passed the morning class absent-mindedly.
Even though the term-end test was already approaching—even so I couldn't concentrate no matter what.
—And then at the lunch break.
「Hey hey, Yuuto? Did Reina do any of her lucky pervert routine at your house?」
Lizel-senpai and I spontaneously choked.
「What are you prattling on out of nowhere like that, Miyabi.」
「Eee, because, this is that Reina with her lucky pervert tendency we are talking about here y'know? If you live together with her, I thought it'll surely go 'kyaaah' real bad there.」
Certainly……there was a risk of that.
Lizel-senpai let out a sigh.
「It can't be helped. As expected, I'll be too worried if I'm not there to stand watch.」
「No no, senpai doesn't need to go that far……」
It felt like senpai would really barge into my house. I wouldn't really mind that and even felt a bit happy but, there was no doubt that I wouldn't be able to relax even for a moment in such case. Because, if Lizel-senpai was in my house……I couldn't show her my slovenly attitude or sloppy appearance. It would be hard for me if I couldn't let my guard down even for a moment.
「Perhaps I should become a little sis too.」
「What are you saying……」
I wouldn't not know how should I spend my time in the house if I had this kind of erotic little sister.
「If that's the case……perhaps I should become the big sister?」

A strange family planning was progressing. But, Lizel-senpai as my big sister──,
「……」
I would be helplessly nervous if Lizel-senpai was in the house as my school senior, but if she was my big sister, it should be fine even if I showed her my slovenly appearance. Rather I could fawn on her.
Perhaps that way was unexpectedly feasible!!
「Of course I'm just joking.」
Of course she was!
I drank the after meal coffee in order to regain my composure.
「Even Miyabi has no plan to discard Yuugaoze House and get adopted right?」
「Guess soo……hmm」
She folded her arms and thought. Her posture caused her breasts to be lifted up.
「That's right! I just need to marry with Yuuto and there gonna be no problem!!」
The coffee entered my trachea and I choked fiercely.
What were you saying!? You!!
After that, I ended up desperately calming down Miyabi who got embarrassed by her own words and Lizel-senpai who was emitting muddy black aura with a demonic expression.
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Part 6

「Yuu-kun, take the bath next.」
I heard that voice from below.
「Yeees.」
I replied so and took out underwear from my closet before heading to the bathroom.
Kaa-san said I was next, so perhaps Tou-san had taken bath first. Eh? But, I thought he was drinking with Kaa-san before this……?
I felt puzzled while opening the door of the changing room──,
「Fya?」
A silver haired beautiful girl was wiping her hair with a bath towel while stark naked.
Her slender and thin body had unsullied beauty that truly fit the description of pure and innocent. Her white skin that was dyed faintly pink suddenly reminded me of strawberry milk.
My mind froze.
This wasn't my intention at all! But I still ended up drinking in the sight of limbs that were starting to form curves without any stain on them.
「E-err err」
Reina hid her body with bath towel and,
「S-sorry, Reina will get out quickly so……」
「N-no! S-sorry!!」
I returned to my senses and closed the door in panic.
My heart was pounding.
Ah shit. I see, so this kind of accident was possible.
The lucky pervert that Miyabi mentioned came true in this kind of shape. Or rather, this was simply my carelessness rather than a lucky pervert moment.
Anyway, I had to apologize properly to Reina.
I reflected on myself outside the changing room while waiting for Reina to get out.
The door made an opening sound and Reina peeked out with an awkward look.
「Sorry Reina! I opened the door without checking first.」
「N-no no, err……it's Reina who is sorry for taking too long in the bath.」
「It's not your fault at all. I was completely in the wrong.」
「That's that's……」

Both of us kept bowing apologetically at each other.
When I calmed down, I noticed that we were acting stupid here. We looked at each other and laughed.
「This kind of thing might happen when we are living together.」
「True. Thinking carefully, this is an inevitable event for big brother and little sister who is living together isn't it desu? And yet Reina panicked…… sorry desu.」
「……Inevitable?」
I got slightly bothered by that word, even so I entered the changing room after Reina got out.
I was feeling thrilled when considering whether Reina's underwear was put inside the laundry basket. I entered the bath while doing my best to not think about it.
I emptied my mind from any thought like the lingering scent, or the used hot water.
Empty mind.
I entered the hot water as though I was meditating.
Yosh, I was calming down.
I got out of the bathtub and lathered body soap at the washing area. For some reason it felt like I had just gone through a spiritual improvement from entering the bath.
When I started washing my body,
「Err……Onii-chan.」
Reina's voice came from the changing room.
「What's wrong? Did you forget something?」
「Yes……Reina, was careless.」
I looked around the bathroom, but there wasn't anything that seemed like belonging to Reina.
What could it be? I was about to ask her, but the door was opened before that.
「Eh?」
Reina entered while a towel was covering her front.
「Re-!? Reina!?」
「Reina is really, really inconsiderate……even though Reina should have learned that a little sister has to wash her big brother's back in the bathroom, Reina completely forgot.」
「Learned!? From where!?」
「From the book in papa's room……there was a book about little sister there, so Reina studied it.」
Tou-saaaann! Kept that kind of book in the bookshelves under lock and key!!
「Reina, that's a misunderstanding! There isn't any custom like that for brother and sister!」
Furthermore, usually they would still wrap bath towel around their body even in such situation wouldn't it!? Why were you just holding a normal

towel on your front!? I was already getting glimpses of various dangerous parts. They were grabbing at my sight and wouldn't let go.
「But but, Reina can't fight right now and is useless desu. At the very least Reina want to be allowed to help out with Onii-chan's everyday need desu desu.」
「No……you don't need to help with this particular one.」
「A-anyway, Reina want to become Onii-chan's little sister desu!」
No good. She was completely under the impression that it was normal for little sister to wash her brother's back.
Reina wanted to be useful and accepted as a little sister. Her wish was too strong that it didn't seem like she could be persuaded. In that case──m
「……Then, just the back okay? After you wash my back, you'll get out of the bathroom. Alright?」
「Yes! Leave it to Reina-!」
Reina crouched behind me and snatched the body towel from my hand along with a reply that was burning with a sense of duty.
「Then, here Reina go, Onii-chan!」
The slightly rough texture of the towel rubbed on my back.
「How is……the strength?」
「Let's see, I think it'll be fine even if you rub a bit stronger.」
「Roger desu desu!」
Oo……I was reluctant but, to be honest it felt good having her do this.
Especially at the area around my shoulder blades.
Compared to washing by myself, this was a lot better……I was feeling my back getting thoroughly cleaned.
「Please tell Reina if there is any itch spot.」
「No……this feels really good.」
「……-♪」
I felt Reina's happiness behind me.
I thought that I couldn't make her do this any longer, but it felt good so I also wanted it to continue for a bit longer. It was then──,
「My!? Reina-chan, you entered together with Yuu-kun!?」
Kaa-san!?]
I reflexively turned around. The silhouette of Kaa-san was reflected behind the frosted glass there.
No good! I didn't know what Kaa-san would say if she saw us doing something like this……what if she said *Someone who make little sister do something like this cannot live in this house! a*nd I got ordered to live separately alone!?
Because I turned around, my little sister's overly problematic appearance entered my eyes.
The towel that was hiding her front was folded on top of her knee. Perhaps she put it down because she felt safe that I wasn't looking.
Breasts that were only starting to swell out, slender waist, her navel below, all of them were exposed completely.

No good! I unconsciously stared in fascination!
「W-wait, Kaa-san! There is a deep reason for this-!!」
I was panicked, but in contrast Reina replied merrily.
「Yes, mama. Reina is washing Onii-chan's back♪」
「My, is that so~ What a harmonious siblings you two are.」
An easygoing comment returned from the other side of the frosted glass.
……I wasn't scolded?
I felt relieved even while feeling puzzled.
Perhaps……no matter how old I had become, I still looked like a kid from Kaa-san's perspective. Reina also had immature appearance, so maybe this felt like two elementary grade students entering bath together……eh?
……It must be just my imagination.
It looked like Kaa-san was taking off her clothes at the other side of the frosted glass.
However, the surface of visible skin color was definitely increasing over there.
My bad premonition approached the peak and an alarm bell was ringing inside me.
The door was suddenly opened──,
「Yu~u-kun♥ Rei~na-cha~n♡」
Kaa-san entered without wearing anything.
「Wha-!?」
The last time I saw this was when I was in kindergarten I think.
To be honest my memory was faint, but I felt that Kaa-san's appearance hadn't changed at all since that time.
I didn't think of anything of it at that time, but when I looked at her once more at this age…….
「Whaaat? Geez Yuu-kun, why are you staring like that~. Perhaps you are already at the age when you're interested to this kind of thing~」
「H-how old do you think I am!?」
Looking closer, Kaa-san's cheeks were red even though she hadn't even entered the bath.
「……You're drunk huh.」
「Ehehe, I drank too much~. Otou-san too has drank himself unconscious~」
What the hell. Kaa-san already had high tension even at the normal time, but now it was added with the fuel of alcohol in great amount. It would be like she was on fire now.
「A-anyway I'm going o──」
「Uwaa……mama is pretty desu desu!」
Reina looked up with rapt attention.
「Uwaa~ thank youuu♪ Reina-chan is also cute♡」
Certainly, even though she was a housewife at her forty, she had a uselessly nice body. It must be because of the anti-aging ring that was a quality product of demon race that she treasured.

Of course, she still couldn’t be compared at all with Lizel-senpai and others, but she was still strangely erotic.
Kaa-san closed the door behind her.
「Kaa-san feels lonely to be left alone mon! Then, mama will also wash Yuu-kun’s body! After that will be Reina-chan!」
「Yes desu! Then mama, please wash the front desu!」
「Roooger!」
Kaa-san saluted and circled to in front of me.
「Don’t say roger! What are you doing with your son!?」
「What am I doing? I’m just entering bath together with my son as a parent.」
「Uu……t-that’s, that’s strange!」
「It’s just a family bathing right? This isn’t so rare to do like when going to hot spring trip.」
「……」
「Geez, you’re strange Yuu-kun. Here, straighten your back.」
So that’s how is it!? I’m the one who is strange!?
Somehow, it felt like I couldn’t understand what was going on anymore…….
Kaa-san made her hands foamed with body soap and lathered it on my chest.
It felt good……but, did Kaa-san ever wash me like this even when I was a child?
Reina’s body was pressed on my back from behind……wait, oi!?
「Reina! What are you doing!?」
Even though they were still small, fluffy softness and the feel of her rib were transmitted to me. It gave me an unique pleasure that was different from senpai and Miyabi. It felt like my consciousness was going to be washed away.
「Yes. Reina also saw something like this in the book that Reina studied so……」
That was obviously a book that mustn’t be seen by her.
As expected, even Kaa-san would think of this as over the limit without a doubt.
「Yeees, raise your hands now.」
It seemed Kaa-san was still drunk. She didn’t pay attention to Reina at all and grabbed my hands with a cheerful smile to make me raised my hands.
Kaa-san’s hands moved toward my sides. It felt a bit ticklish.
Her hands slid further below, from the waist to the leg joints, and then her hands slid down to the center as though obeying gravity.
「Now theen, I wonder how is it with this spot~♥」
UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOIIIII!?
「W-where are you touching!?」
Kaa-san rubbed both her hands together while increasing the foam.
「Because I have to check how much my son has grown!」
「No need!」
「But, I think this is a mother’s duty!」

I grabbed Kaa-san’s hands and tore it away from me somehow.
「Ununu……Reina-chan! Help!」
「Understood desu desu!」
Reina’s white hands smoothly stretched from my sides and attacked my crotch.

UWAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHu!!
Such intense bathing continued for a while.
I who was exhausted both in body and mind found an opening and escaped, but Kaa-san and Reina continued to have fun bathing together even after that.
By the way at the next day, Kaa-san didn’t remember about what happened at this time at all.
Morioka Sakura, how terrifying.

Chapter 3 – If Death Can be Redone

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The calm and intellectual beautiful teacher, Nakano Tsuruko-sensei was teaching the lesson while writing on the blackboard.
「As you can see, execution has various effects. It not only remove the obstacle in your way, it also act as an example for others. Even in such case, the method and display that you should take will differ depending on how much fear you want to inflict at the people. Depending on your method, it's even possible to make an execution into an entertainment show.」
Even though the end-term exam would be next week, I was listening to the lesson absent-mindedly. My head was filled with nothing but thought of how to save Reina.
Currently Reina was maintaining her body using the abundant affection from Kaa-san. However, the fundamental problem still hadn't been solved.
How to exchange the core that became the center of Reina's body?
The answer to that still hadn't appeared.
When I came to myself, the class was already over without me noticing it.
Even though the academy curriculums already consisted of only unfamiliar topics for me, added with my current state, it felt like the result of my term-end exam would be really wretched.
「Hey Yuuto. They said that the result of the proficiency test before this has been baam put up!」
Miyabi came toward me with her large breasts shaking.
「It feels like I'm beaten while I'm already down but……let's take a look just in case.」
「You do that! But I don't wanna to get disappointed gaaann, so I'm going ahead to the palace!」
Oi!
Are you alright with that!? Miyabi exited the classroom without giving me any time to ask her that.
I'd also go to the palace after taking a look…….
I got out of the classroom and went to in front of the staff room where the result was put up.
However—,
「……My name isn't there.」

Only the people in the top 100 got their name displayed. Naturally my name and Miyabi's name weren't there.
「It feels lonely but, it's kindness in a sense to only display the name of the top rankers……」
My shoulder got tapped when I muttered that.
「Yo」
It was a young man with his hair dyed blond. He looked like a thug in a glance.
「Geld(□□□). What rank are you?」
It was Geld who was a Card of the World Aspite. He was the first opponent who picked a fight with me when I came to Ginsei Academy. However, now we had a relationship where we sometimes called out to each other like this.
「Hm, my grade this time isn't really good.」
He shrugged. Perhaps that meant his name also wasn't displayed there just like me. I unconsciously felt a sense of familiarity with him.
「I see. We need to work hard huh.」
「Yeah, especially because I have decided to not get involved with the Devil King War anymore……I need to do my best more.」
I see. Because I defeated Aspite, this guy ended up giving up on his own dream.
「……That's, sorry.」
When I said that, Geld looked at me as though he was seeing something strange.
「You're really a strange guy……something like that is only normal in the Devil King War. Normally you should be prouder.」
Of course I was happy that I won, but it was improper to act triumphant more than necessary right in front of the loser. Besides, I believed it was respectable how Geld was acting optimistically on walking a new path.
「Besides, if I have to say whose fault it is that I have to withdraw from the Devil King War, then it's Aspite-sama's fault.」
「What do you mean?」
「He shut himself inside his room and won't come out since he got beaten up by you.」
「Shutting up……himself?」
Hm?
Come to think of it……I certainly punched Aspite so hard he fainted but…… that was all.
It wasn't like with Ibiza who got swallowed by a black swamp and sent back to hell.
That meant—,
「That Aspite, he still have the qualification to fight in Devil King War?」
「Yeah. But, it's already hopeless in his current state. There is no hope of his recovery, he retired from the war.」

He was certainly an unpleasant guy, and he did something terrible to Lizel-senpai. I believed that this was his just reward but……I felt a bit regretful after hearing his current situation.
「Well, because of that, I'm thinking to focus myself in succeeding my family business. That's why I want to get along with the guy who look like they might become the next devil king……and so, best regards!」
Geld gave me a thumb up and grinned. Really, this guy was completely mercenary.
「By the way my family is in the steel industry at the human world. The Shinkamaishi Iron Manufacture.」
「I have heard that name before. It's a really famous company……」
「Yeah. It's a prominent iron and steel company in Japan.」
You are……a young master from a good house!?
Come to think of it, Ginsei Academy was an academy that gathered the nobles of the devil world. I was simply unique, while everyone else was all crazy rich people!
Shit……why did it feel like I was betrayed…….
This guy felt like he was emitting a commoner aura. But, I have to accept reality. It wasn't like Geld did anything wrong.
「I see……then, you have to do your best to raise your rank huh. You have it hard.」
「Yeah, fifth rank is completely no good.」
「……」
When I took another look at the rank list, there were familiar names at the first and fifth rank.
First rank, Kouma Ruki. Fifth rank, Kamaishi Geld.
I reflexively grabbed Geld's collar.
「GELDDDDDDD! THIS TRAITOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOORR!!」
「Wha-!? What's with your so suddenly!?」
We parted after having such conversation and I headed to the palace. When I climbed the stair—,
「Ah, Yuuto-kun.」
A voice came from above.
When I lifted up my face, the devil king candidate of Judgment, Kouma Ruki was standing at the stair's landing.
I met the first rank after the fifth rank. Someone who genuinely lived in the clouds appeared in front of me.
In addition that adorableness was heaven class. However, he was a male.
「Ruki, are you going to take a look at the rank list too?」
「Yep. But I can do that later if I can speak with Yuuto-kun.」
He twirled on the spot and took an adorable pose.
I caught a glance of soft and pure white thighs from his fluttering mini skirt.
It would be fine if that was all. However, was it my hallucination that it felt like I caught a glimpse of female panty?
「Speaking with me?」

I went up until the landing and asked him. Ruki said that it was rare for us to meet like this, so he invited me to the rooftop.
We climbed the stairs together and opened a steel door to get out to the rooftop. The rooftop was really spacious and there was also no one there. This place looked nice for having a secret talk.
「You see……」
Ruki's fingertips fidgeted with each other while he stared at me with an upturned gaze.
That gesture was dangerously cute.
No wait, why were you giving an atmosphere like you were going to confess at me after this!?
……It felt like I was going to awaken to something forbidden like this, so please spare me.
「You see……it's hard to ask this as a fellow devil king candidate but…… have you gotten invitation from someone to team up and fight together?」
「What?」
Ruki put his hand on his chest and looked slightly relieved when I reflexively asked that.
「I'm glad~ I was worried that I'm the only one who get left out. I won't know what to do if that's the case.」
Ruki seemed to comprehend something by himself. It felt like I got left behind alone.
「Wait a second. I really don't get what are you talking about.」
Ruki realized it and said 「Ah」. He lightly hit his own head and stuck out his tongue.
「Sorry, I'm not good with talking.」
He also winked at me.
……This guy, every single movement of his was cute. Was this guy really a male?
「It seems there is some kind of strange movement among the devil king candidates. I heard that someone is trying to form an alliance.」
Alliance?
「I don't know at all who might be working with who. In the first place I don't even know who is the one forming this alliance.」
It was unexpected that there was someone doing something like that.
It was hard to imagine devil king candidates—or rather the devil race cooperating with other people.
「That's unexpected……then, the guys who aren't ask to join will be at disadvantage won't it?」
「Yep. I'm scared that some candidates will conspire and attack me in group……Yuuto-kun is my only acquaintance who I can talk with about this so, because of that……」
Ruki pinched the end of his skirt anxiously and his waist fidgeted restlessly.
……That's why, stop that, it's too cute.
I endured my wish to say that and asked Ruki.

「Then……it might be better for us who don't get asked to join to put up a united front just in case.」
「Yep. So……sorry to bring this up to you so suddenly, it might be difficult for us to form an alliance but……can Yuuto-kun and me, have a special relationship with each other?」
Special relationship!?
「E-err……that's……do you mean something like a cooperative relation?」
「Yep yep! Things like exchanging information and the like.」
Then, say that from the start!! That was bad for my heart!
It wasn't a bad offer. I thought that, but I didn't know Ruki really well. He looked like a good guy from his appearance but, he was still a devil. Carelessness was forbidden.
「I guess……for now, let's at least exchange information if one of us obtain enemy information.」
「Yep. Let's start from something like that for now.」
Ruki nodded in satisfaction.
「This is also a good chance, so I want to know better about Yuuto-kun too.」
Ruki smiled amiably and brushed up his hair. His white and slender neck made my heart skip a beat.
「Yuuto-kun is a human aren't you? What do you think about this Devil King War where devils fight each other?」
What a basic question……however, perhaps it was only natural that a devil harbored such question toward me.
「To be honest, it feels like I'm an outsider.」
「I seee, but it can't be helped I guess. This is a fight that will decide the devil world's king after all.」
「But, this fight will also decide the fate of mankind, so it's not unrelated to me. The devil king is the king of devil world while also the king of human world at the same time.」
「But, you have to fight against devils you know?」
「Human's strength is small, so it's pointless to do anything. I don't want to think like that. This is a problem that is affecting us human too, so I want to do anything that I can.」
「Heee~ amaziing……. Normally I think human will absolutely give up from participating in the Devil King War itself.」
It didn't seem like he was being sarcastic. He sounded like he was really impressed.
His innocent gaze felt a bit ticklish. I continued to hide my embarrassment.
「I talk big but, the reason that I said just now is something that I only thought up recently. At first I was just getting swept up by the flow of event.」
「You mean……your reason has gradually changed from the beginning?」
「Yeah. It's also possible that a wicked guy like Ibiza will become the devil king. I don't even want to imagine a world that is ruled by that guy. And so, I have to do my best……」

「Yuuto-kun, what do you want to do with the devil world if you become the devil king?」
「Eh!?」
I see, there was also that. Because, devil king was the king of the devil world.
Thinking carefully……I didn't really understand what kind of place the devil world was.
I was only thinking about the human world but, becoming a devil king meant that I would also shoulder the responsibility for the devil world too.
「That's……sorry. Even I don't really understand. But……」
「But?」
「……Despite what I said, I think the biggest reason I'm participating in the Devil kIng War is because I want to answer the expectation of Lizel-senpai and others. That's why, I will surely decide about what to do with the devil world after consulting with them.」
「I see. Fufu, I think I understand Yuuto-kun better now, I'm happy.」
He was smiling brightly looking like he was saying that from the bottom of his heart. I unconsciously also got drawn by that and smiled too.
「Then, this is just a supposition……what if there is a devil king candidate who is thinking of human and love them……do you think you can yield the throne of devil king to someone like that?」
「……That's」
If there was a devil king candidate who I could trust…….
Then, would there be any reason for me to fight?
However, was it possible for such devil to exist?
「I wonder……」
「You don't know?」
「I can't say anything unless I'm seeing that person with my own eyes.」
「I guess that's true.」
Both of us smiled at each other. Then──,
「Then, take a good look at this me.」
「!?」
The door to the stair opened and unfamiliar students entered in droves.
「Alert. Danger is approaching. Please don't let your guard down.」
Arcana's warning resounded in my ears.
……There were four people in total.
The man walking at the front seemed to be the leader.
「It's absurdly rare for this me to show my face in the academy yeah?」
That person's face was haggard and there were also dark circles around his eyes. His wavy green hair was also messy. His uniform was wrinkled with paint staining it everywhere.
Ruki whispered to me before I could ask who he was.
「That's the second year Takakuzure Marios-senpai. He should be the devil king candidate of Tower if I remember it right.」

Marios raised one hand and the three students standing behind him walked forward.
Then, these guys must be the Cards of Tower.
What I didn’t get was why all three of them were holding figurine. Eerie monster that looked like alien, a transforming hero from morning Sunday show, and……a female warrior wearing bikini armor?
These guys, just what were they going to do?
Marios read my expression and grinned.
「Lovers, Morioka Yuuto. I’ll have you come together with us.」
The target wasn’t Ruki, but me huh……. However, why did they show up openly like this? If they wanted to attack me, they should be able to do a surprise attack.
「Just what’s your business with me?」
「Well, I’m scouting you. I’m looking whether you are going to enter our alliance or not.」
——!?
「Then, is it you, the one who is going around calling at other devil king candidates to form an alliance?」
Marios’s eyes widened slightly in surprise.
「What’s this……so it’s already becoming a topic. You have sharp ears.」
Ruki looked up at me with an anxious face.
「Yuuto-kun……」
「I don’t have any business with Judgment over there. I also don’t have any intention of picking a fight here, so you can go back.」
Ruki frowned in distress.
Perhaps he was troubled of what to do after suggesting a cooperation with me just now. Or perhaps he was wary that I might team up with Marios and tried to kill him here.
Marios ran out of patience seeing Ruki and me staying quiet.
「Anyway, I’ve no business with Judgment here. I’m taking Lovers even if I have to use force. Luckily it looks like you are alone.」
「What did you say?」
「Go!! Narihira! Shiba! Naniwa!」
The three with figurine in their hand took a stance when Marios called their name.
They would attack simultaneously——that was what I thought, but the three of them didn’t move even for a step. In exchange, they tossed the figurine in their hand to the air.
Those figurines rotated in the air and swelled.
「Wha-!?」
They enlarged to a size that seemed like the size of the real thing. The figurines landed on the rooftop quite loudly.
「No way……」
Alien and transforming hero, and also……the female warrior in bikini armor were lined up in front of me.

「You see! This is the power of us Tower!」
Marios spread his hands widely in triumph.
「Well, this is a test for your participating in the alliance. Do your best to resist. Even if you die……wellll, that's going to be an unfortunate accident……you guys, give it your all!!」
「Yes!」
Marios's three Cards replied and the three figurines attacked.
「Yuuto-kun! Let's run!!」
「O-ou!」
Ruki pulled the sleeve of my uniform. I turned around and started running.
「Wait, we're running away!?」
「Because those guys are in an alliance right!? There might be others lying in wait!」
「True!」
Ruki was faster than I thought. He was running slightly ahead of me.
「There is another stair at the opposite side!」
「Got it!」
However the rooftop was wide. I hope they wouldn't catch up before we arrived at the other side──!?
The mask of the transforming hero was right beside me.
These guys, were their specs the same with their setting!?
「Stride!!」
I also accelerated using magic. It seemed Ruki also used the same magic and ran beside me. With this we arrived at the opposite side in the blink of eye. Just when I thought that, the door we were running toward opened.
「Fuh, it's not bad to see hope being shattered.」
It was a man who looked like a rock band member. There was also a woman with flashy appearance putting her hand on the man's shoulder.
「That's the Moon Kitakami Lunatic and the Sun Sansa Summers!?」
「Whaat!?」
Another devil king candidates!
These guys, they were showing up one after another even though they hadn't showed up at all until now!!
I and Ruki came to a stop.
Ruki moved behind me to face the figurines that were unleashed by Tower's Cards.
「Shit……」
A tiger in the back, and a wolf at the front huh…….
If we had to pick one no matter what, then it was better to face one devil king candidate rather than two……however that might also be a trap.
While I was unable to decide, Sansa asked Lunatic fawningly.
「Hey Luna, our duty is pretty much finished with this isn't it?」
「Yeah, we have showed up. Our duty will be finished if we split their fighting strength.」
Were they talking about the rule of their alliance?

Marios yelled behind me at the opposite entrance.
「Oi! Moon and Sun! Don't let that guy run away!!」
「Don't worry. I brought a suitable person with me.」
A girl showed up from behind Lunatic and Sansa.
「My Suite Card number II, Swordia(□□□□□). I leave the rest to you.」
The two of them vanished behind the door after leaving those words behind.
In exchange the girl called Swordia stayed behind.
She had light brown hair and feminine white uniform. From a glance, she looked like a high school girl who attended a school for young lady, but looking carefully, her skin was exposed at some strange places, and her skirt was also short.
「Aa!? Just one! What's more a number II, that's the lowest rank!! I'm bringing my Suite Cards here you know!? Don't screw with mee!!」
After Marios's shout, Ruki's whisper entered my ear.
「Yuuto-kun. If II is alone, it's better to run that way.」
「Yeah, let's do──」
Swordia raised her face that was looking down. However I couldn't see her face well.
White cloth was wrapped over her eyes.
The white cloth was lacy and girly, but there was no way she could fight like that.
However, Swordia was staring still at me as though she could see.
On her waist was two swords that didn't suit her appearance.
Swordia's hands each grabbed the two swords on her left and right.
Chill ran through my spine.
The arcana's voice spoke to me at that time.
「Warning. Even more dangerous threat has appeared. Please don't let your guard down.」
This Swordia was more dangerous than Marios's three Cards?
「Ruki! We're going back!!」
「Eh? Eeh!?」
I turned around. Ruki also followed me slightly late.
「Hahaha! Are you crazy Lovers!!」
I ran toward the loudly laughing Marios.
「You guys! Kill them quickly!!」
「Sir!!」
Marios's Cards replied back. At the same time the three enlarged figurines also ran toward us.
The transforming hero kicked on the floor and jumped high in the air. It somersaulted forward and took a kicking pose.
I didn't know how strong that attack was.
But I would also go with maximum strength!
「Take this! Fidezenon!!」
Magic circle unfolded in front of me and the lid of hell was opened.

It was an advanced magic that I couldn’t use until now, but the ritual of magic stone refinement was a boon for me. That ritual resulted in my mana’s limit increasing.
Fidezenon’s seething flame shot through the transforming hero. It was like the content of a smelting furnace was shot out.
「Whaaat!?」
Marios’s Card, was it Narihira or Shiba──he raised his voice in surprise.
The hell flame swallowed the transforming hero and it was evaporated in an instant.
However, the alien crawled on all fours toward me at that timing.
「Ruki!」
「Thunderio!!」
He fired an intermediate lightning magic in respond to my voice.
Did Ruki specialize in lightning type magic?
The alien’s body convulsed and it writhed on the spot.
It wasn’t defeated, but it seemed that Ruki was able to stop its movement.
The bikini armor female warrior jumped over that alien and attacked.
We dodged the slash that it unleashed from midair by separating to left and right.
And then I immediately ran with all my strength to charge toward the Tower bunches.
「You guys, get back!」
Marios shouted, then he also leaped to the side to open a path for us.
Was he a type that wasn’t good with direct fighting?
「Yuuto-kun!」
「Don’t chase them too deep! We’re running for now!」
I said that and reached toward the door that connected to the stair.
The steel door flew off its hinges at that moment.
「Guh!?」
The sudden happening blew me away without being able to do anything.
It felt the same like being hit by a quite heavy steel plate. I helplessly rolled on the rooftop’s floor.
「Yuuto-kun!? Are you alright!?」
Ruki ran toward me removed the door from on top of me with all his strength.
「S-sorry……what was that just now?」
I raised my body and looked toward the entrance that had lost its door.
Over there was three new figures.
The petite figure at the center was making a pose.
「The star has come! Here is Rikimaru-chan and her gang!!」
The stern looking young men at both her sides also made muscle pose at the same time.
──It looks like some stupid guys also came!

The girl at the center had red hair that was tied into side ponytail. She was wearing tank top that showed her navel and hotpants and a jersey. She looked like a sports-oriented girl from her appearance.
The young men at both her sides only wore a pair of underpants. They had gone past being sports-oriented. They were body builders no matter how you looked at them. Their tanned smiling faces were annoyingly bright.
The Lovers arcana warned me who was falling dumbfounded.
「warning, enemies are surrounding us. Recommending to secure path of escape and retreat swiftly.」
That means, that too was also a devil king candidate!
The jersey woman who introduced herself as Rikimaru spoke proudly.
「Now, realize the greatness of Strength!! Strength is justice! Strength is power!!」
Rikimaru pushed her fist forward as a signal, then the young men at his sides became bursting with strength.
「NUUUUUUUUUN!!」
「FUOoaAAAAAAAAH!!」
Their muscles were pumped up and blood veins bulged out.
Sweltering.
Then the heat that was emitted from the bulging up muscles really became hot wind that blew out to the surrounding.
「「UORYuaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!」」
The two of them punched the rooftop's floor simultaneously.
「—tsu!?」
A sound like rock breaking resounded. Cracks were spreading through the floor instantly.
The floor beneath our feet collapsed at the next moment.
The floor was smashed up with a single damn punch!?
「TSUAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!?」
「KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!?」
Ruki and I lost our footing and fell to the floor below together with the rubbles.
「Kuh……Ruki! Are you alright!?」
「Y-yeah.」
Setting that aside, this guy was screaming like a damn girl just now!
I stood up and lent Ruki a hand to pull him to his feet.
「We are splitting here!」
「I see, we can split the enemies that way!」
I immediately ran through the corridor while Ruki went down the stair.
If I bought time, Lizel-senpai and others should hear the commotion and they might come here.
When I looked behind, a bikini armor female warrior and an alien, and also body builder x 2 were chasing after me.
They didn't split into two, all of them were pursuing me.
I said those words to Ruki, but actually their target was just me.

I couldn’t involve Ruki in this because of my fault. That was why, I made Ruiki to escape ahead of me.
「Even so! What should I do now!?」
I was running with all my strength, but a girl was lying in wait on my way.
The blindfolded girl with two swords.
The Moon’s Card, Swordia!
Her figure unsheathing her sword silently sent a chill to my back.
Ahead to the right, there was a stair to go below.
I hesitated for a moment whether I should run to lower floor.
But, the enemies caught up with me in that one moment.
Shit! I got no choice but to engage them here!
I stopped moving.
I thrust my hand forward to launch Fizard as soon as I turned around.
A silhouette leaped out from behind me faster than my hand.
「!?」
「HAAAAAAAAAA!!」
That petite figure swung a katana that was longer than her body like a wind.
The alien’s body was turned to pieces in the air.
That girl’s silver twintail trailed behind her as she took a stance with her hand and glared at the bikini armor female warrior.
「Reina won’t! Reina won’t let you lay a hand on Onii-chan!!」
「Reina!?」
Even the body builders also stopped moving against Reina’s killing intent.
「Onii-chan!? Are you alright desu!?」
「I should be the one asking! You shouldn’t force yourself like that!!」
I felt a terrific killing intent from behind me at that timing.
Reina burst into action and circled to behind me. In exchange I ended up facing the bikini armor warrior.
「There is……a troublesome person desu, desu.」
Naturally she meant that girl Swordia. But, did Reina know her?
The bikini armor warrior suddenly kicked the floor and attacked.
Reina twirled once more and swung her sword to in front of me.
The female warrior was bisected diagonally from below. Its body returned to being a figurine when it fell on the floor.
Even so, as expected from Reina.
Usually she was an adorable little sister, but there was no more reassuring ally than her when she had a sword in hand.
However,
「—!?」
「Reina?」
Reina suddenly pressed her hand on her chest and made a pained expression.
The long katana slipped out from her hand and clanged on the floor.
「Reina!?」

I caught her falling and shaking body in my arms.
「O-oi! Reina! Hang in there!!」
Her face was expressionless like a doll. Eyes that were staring at nothing.
Again.
This was the same like when she fainted before.
But, Reina should be receiving excessive affection from Kaa-san right now!
And yet,
Why!?
……Don’t tell me, her core is finally reaching the limit……?
She wouldn’t die right now would she!?
I touched Reina’s cheek with a trembling hand. Her face cracked.
「!?」
Stop.
We finally became a family.
She would be happy from here on.
We would give her happiness.
Let me,
Let me act like a big brother.
I still hadn’t, done anything,
Reina!
The next moment—m
.
Reina’s body crumbled into dust.
.
「UOoaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!!」
.
Scream burst out naturally from my throat.
What,
What the hell is this!?
Don’t screw with me damn you!!
There ain’t, no way—
You are allowed to die so easily, LIKE THIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIISSSS!!
.
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—!?
.
.
The alien was preparing to leap at me right in front of my eye.
Behind him was the bikini armor female warrior.
Eh?
My hand was going to point forward.
That’s right.
I was going to fire Fizard as soon as I turned around—,
No,
Strange.

What’s this?
I should have done the same thing just now.
Or perhaps, was my memory mistaken?
Was it the phenomenon called déjà vu that sometimes happened? A false memory?
Eh?
Was that the case?
Before this Reina would come running after this—,
A small silhouette rushed in front of me.
「!?」
「HAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!」
She swung a katana that was longer than her body like a wind.
The sharpness of the katana was extraordinary. The alien’s body was turning into pieces in midair.
A petite girl was glaring at the bikini armor warrior while holding her sword in a ready stance.
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「Y-yeah……」
I felt a terrific killing intent from behind me at that timing.
Reina burst into action and circled to behind me. In exchange I ended up facing the bikini armor warrior.
「There is……a troublesome person desu, desu.」
Surely Reina was staring at Swordia who was behind me. However the distance was still far. Because of that she prioritized fighting the bikini armor warrior that was nearer.
But, as the result of that—,
Just as expected, or perhaps just like in my memory,
Reina twirled to in front of me—,
「Reina-!!」
I used my hand that I held up for firing magic to immediately grabbed Reina’s arm.
「Fueh!?」
I hugged her from behind forcibly. I put strength into my arm so that she couldn’t move.
「O-Onii-chan……tsu!? P-please let go! R-Reina can’t kill that guy like this!」
Reina desperately pleaded with a flustered face. Her voice was filled with a mix of surprise and embarrassment.
「Don’t! You absolutely mustn’t fight! The next time you swing your sword, you will—!!」
「He……?」
I desperately insisted at Reina who was looking puzzled.
I didn’t want see her turning like that anymore.

Anymore?
What was it that I saw just now?
「I seeee, so your most important thing is that doll.」
The bikini armor warrior and the bodybuilders opened a way. Marios was walking forward between them.
Don't tell me……the déjà vu just now was this guy's doing?
──No.
A pink haired girl appeared from behind him.
She had a friendly and cheerful smile.
But on her arm, there was a bleeding wound that made her smile looked out of place. Her hand was holding a cutter.
──Most likely, it was that girl.
Marios made a triumphant smile.
「You are scared that doll is going to break down right? Then you can redo it no matter how many times you like with this girl's ability.」
「What?」
「This girl is Shimokadzu Rinne. The characteristic magic of Wheel of Fortune, Revival is a magic to rewind and repeat time.」
「Then……just now, it was something that really happened……」
「That's how it is. If you listen to what we are saying obediently, she will repeat the same time until you are satisfied. That doll won't need to break down.」
「Kuh……」
Reina wouldn't need to die.
Of course, the fundamental problem wouldn't be solved just by repeating time. However it was a fact that there was no way to save Reina right now.
If the same thing like just now happened again──,
「What? What are you hesitating for? Then should I make you firm your resolve?」
Marios took a small figurine from his pocket. It was a figurine of a winged woman. It looked like an angel or a goddess.
「It's small and its degree of completion is also lacking but, this should enough if it's you.」
「What's……with that thing?」
「You see, your most important thing will break if I destroy this.」
「!?」
「……Onii-chan.」
Reina let out a scared voice.
Marios seemed satisfied with our reaction and he smiled happily.
「It's the best right? It's the best isn't it? To lose what's important for you! To do something that cannot be undone!」
What's……with this guy?
「Aa……I'm shivering just from imagining it. IT feels like tears are going to spill out. I want to scratch and tear my chest, I want to break everything in this world. That pleasure……I'll bestow it to you. Be grateful. Aa, but I won't

let you monopolize it. I too will break my important treasure with this hand……we are going to taste the greatest feeling together.」
What this person was feeling, it was a bit different from a sadistic happiness that was obtained from our suffering.
It looked like this guy really, honestly, felt happiness from losing something important to him, something that he treasured.
I couldn't understand him at all.
He was a deviant.
Furthermore what he had was something beyond redemption.
「Now, let's hear your answer Lovers!!」
Marios toyed with the figure in his hand as though to show it off.
「Should I break this thing to make you lost your most important thing first!?」
「Kuh……」
「If you don't want that, then obey me! Follow us without talking back! Work as our comrade……no, as our slave!」
「……No.」
「……Aa?」
「……Reina?」
It was Reina who replied.
She quietly removed my arm and stepped forward to glare at Marios.
「The most important thing to Onii-chan……Reina don't know what it could be. But, surely it's something even more important than Reina desu. It might be the seniors, or perhaps it's father or mother……」
Reina turned a burning gaze toward Marios.
「In that case it will be better for this body to perish desu! Reina absolutely won't let you lay your hand on Onii-chan's important thing! That is the duty of the Lovers' Knight……the duty of little sister desu!!」
Reina raised her katana once more.
「Don't! Stop it Reina!!」
「He……then, go break yourself. I'll just kill that guy after you are broken.」
「Now, let's go──hm?」
A rumbling was coming from somewhere.
It was a sound that made the bottom of the stomach to shake, as though a thunder cloud was approaching. And then there was a tremor that was transmitted from the ground below. What in the world, this was……?
It came from behind Marios, from the corridor ahead. However that way was blocked by the rubbles of the rooftop that was destroyed by the bodybuilders just now.
The moment I strained my ears, that mountain of rubbles exploded.
「Yuuot-kunnn!!」
「Wha!?」
An ancient chariot pulled by two sphinxes cut through the dust cloud and rushed this way.

The one holding the rein was the blonde haired and brown skinned devil king candidate of Chariot.
「Neith!?」
That was the chariot that was created by Neith's characteristic magic Top Runner. In front of that charging power──,
The bodybuilders were crushed underfoot without being able to scream.
「Uoh!?」
Marios dodged in panic.
I also held Reina in my arms and dodged by sticking close to the corridor's wall.
Neith's chariot kept rushing and pulverized the bikini armor female warrior too before passing in front of us.
And then the chariot stopped its stampede. Neith glared threateningly at Swordia.
「Withdraw! Or I'll trample everyone no matter how many of you are here!」
However Swordia didn't sheathe her sword.
Marios glared at those two with anger in his eyes.
「Dammit……every last one of them!」
Marios turned his glare at me and held up the figurine once more.
「You bastards, don't you dare move! If I break this thing──」
However a small explosion occurred at his wrist.
「Detonate!!」
「Gua!?」
The figurine spilled out from Marios's hand.
It was falling toward the floor──m
「TAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!」
A girl dashed through like a wind and caught it.
Her silhouette passed beside me in an instant.
The figure with blonde twintail and flashy sensual body was sliding on the floor and caught the figurine.
「Miyabi!?」
「Ahaha! I'm just barely in time but it's safe! Then next is-!」
Miyabi immediately stood up and launched a spinning kick at Marios.
「HAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!」
Marios guarded with a Barricade, and yet he was still slammed on the wall.
「GUUOH!?」
Marios glared at Miyabi with a demonic face even with his body sinking into the wall.
「This……damn bitch……」
However Miyabi also didn't withdraw for even a step and glared back.
Then as though to erase that atmosphere,
「How dare you try to make a pass at our devil king candidate.」
A cool voice that felt pleasant to the ear resounded.
When I turned around, over there was──,
「Lizel-senpai!!」

The stair that was located between Swordia and Neith. It seemed Lizel-senpai and Miyabi had come by climbing that stair.
Lizel-senpai smiled apologetically at me.
「Sorry for being late. But――」
Lizel-senpai passed beside me and glared at Marios.
「I won't let you do as you please now that I'm here.」
「……Himekami, Lizel.」
Marios pulled out his body from the wall and called senpai's name with a loathing expression. And then, he looked at everyone's face in turn to compare the difference in fighting strength once more.
「……Tsk! We're leaving!!」
He shouted roughly at Rinne and turned around to leave. Rinne too followed behind him and vanished.
When I turned around, Swordia who was at the opposite side of Neith had also vanished.
It seemed……I was saved.
Tension left my shoulders and I bowed my head to Lizel-senpai.
「Senpai, we are saved thanks to you. Miyabi too, thank you.」
「Ehehe, this is how it is if you leave things to me! I took care of it with 'swiish' and end it with 'bamm'!」
「O-oi! Don't treat that doll roughly!」
Miyabi was energetically swinging her hand that was gripping the figurine. It felt like my heart would stop seeing that.
「Miyabi, give me that doll.」
Lizel-senpai took the figurine from Miyabi and stared fixedly at it to check something.
「I can certainly feel something cursed from this……I'll take responsibility to hold on this.」
Of course I had no objection to that. After I nodded, Neith dispelled the Top Runner's chariot and walked toward me.
Lizel-senpai greeted her with a smile that was directed for old friend.
「You saved us. We made it in time thanks to Neith buying Yuuto time.」
「T-that's not……I just」
Neith looked down shyly while her fingertips were kneading each other.
「No, you really saved our bacon just now. Thanks a lot, Neith.」
When I also thanked her, Neith's cheeks reddened and the movement of her fingertips doubled.
Her gaze was wandering restlessly while sending glances at me.
She looked like she was troubled about something but……what could it be?
As usual, the gap of her current self and the gallant woman she was when she was riding a chariot was great.
Neith raised her face looking like she was resolving herself and talked to Lizel-senpai.
「B-but you know……Lizel. It's no good, if you aren't a bit more careful.」
「Eh?」

Senpai's body leaned back slightly because she was taken aback by surprise.
「Lizel and Miyabi-chan, are Yuuto-kun's Cards so……be a bit more careful. If you don't stay on your guard, so that Yuuto-kun won't meet any danger……」
Both senpai and Miyabis were bewildered by this unexpected critic.
「Eh……y-you're right……err, I'm sorry. I'll be more careful.」
「M-me too……that's, I'm sor……ry?」
The two of them apologized even while feeling bewildered.
However question marks were floating above their heads.
They never even dreamed that another devil king candidate would criticize them like this. Even I didn't expect this.
Neith didn't notice our thought and gave even more candid advice.
「I think, it'll be better if there is always someone to stay together with Yuuto-kun……this time he was lucky by chance. But Yuuto-kun is the candidate with the highest results in the Devil King War right now, so he stands out. Ah, speaking about standing out, there also might be a lot of people who think he can be defeated easily just because he is human and come attacking.」
Neith was gathering momentum and approached Lizel-senpai insistently.
Lizel-senpai was overwhelmed by that momentum and she unconsciously took a step back.
「Y-yes……it's just as Neith say. I'll try to rethink our security system a bit more……」
To think the day would come where I could see Lizel-senpai being pressured by Neith, I never even imagined this.
Lizel-senpai let out a confused sweat while smiling with a twitching face.
「B-but you know, Neith? You are……the devil king candidate of Chariot aren't you?」
Neith finally returned to her senses when that was pointed out.
「Ah……I-I-I-I-I-I, t-t-t-that's!」
「I'm happy for your consideration but……is, this alright? As the devil king candidate of Chariot……」
Miyabi also stared fixedly at Neith with a doubting gaze.
「Yep. Somehow……it feels like you are worryin' about Yuuto even more than us but……Neith, don't tell me……」
Neith's face instantly turned bright red until her ears.
「Awawawa, t-t-tha-, that's……it's not that-!」
Neith's gaze busily darted around in hesitation before it stopped still on my face and,
「Hyaaaaaaah!!」
She raised a strange shriek before she turned right about and ran away.
「Neith……what's with her?」
I got worried because she was acting too strangely.
However Lizel-senpai spoke calmly.

「You don’t need to worry about it Yuuto.」
And then Lizel-senpai watched the back of the running away Neith with an unblinking gaze.
I was told to not worry about it but……the fact hadn’t changed that Neith had saved me. I had to return this debt to her one day…….
「Putting that aside.」
Lizel-senpai walked toward Reina and,
「Although it’s also thanks to Neith, you have also done great Reina. But…… we made you overdid yourself like this. I’m sorry.」
Senpai said that while softly caressing Reina’s cheek. She was giving praise, but her expression was painful. It felt like the pain in senpai’s heart was transmitted through her eyes.
Reina energetically replied, perhaps so that she wouldn’t make us worry.
「N-no no, Reina is completely alright desu!」
Miyabi tightly hugged Reina from behind.
「We gonna pull ourselves together from now on! So Reina can just rest! If not, our heart will keep going ‘brr brr’ without stopping.」
「Yes……sorry desu.」
Reina smiled a bit shyly.
Even though it was thanks to the enemy’s ability, I was really glad that Reina didn’t die.
However, I was made to realize that there wasn’t any more moment to waste.
We didn’t know when we would be stabbed from the back or beheaded in our sleep if we continued to be relaxed just like we were doing so far.
However it wasn’t all bad things.
It was touch and go just now, but it was a harvest to be able to obtain information about the alliance that Ruki told me about.
The mastermind of the enemies was most likely the Tower Marios.
And then the members of the alliance were Strength, Moon, Sun, and……
Wheel of Fortune.
「Lizel-senpai, I want to give a report about what happened just now. Can we have a meeting in the palace now?」
Senpai responded with a reliable smile.
「Of course.」
However her eyes were shining with killing intent that made my back tremble.
「It will be our turn to pick a fight next.」

Chapter 4 – The Confrontation of Star and Moon

Part 1

「Alriiiight. Hoshigakoka Stella-san, it's okay nooow. Thanks for your hard wooork!」
The voice of the assistant director loosened the tension in the studio in one stroke.
「Stella-chan, great wooork!」
「You did great too today, Stella-chan. Good work.」
「Ahaha, thanks for your hard work everyoneee. Then I'll go aheaaad.」
Stella left the studio after the recording for the popular song program had ended. She was walking alone through a plain corridor while still wearing her flashy studio outfit.
She didn't have manager.
She was her own manager. That was her policy.
She returned to the waiting room and quickly removed her studio outfit.
Her figure was gradually showing skin in the mirror.
It was an alluring figure that would make her fan turned into beast in heat in one shot if they saw it.
Stella's waiting room was specially made. It was fully equipped with shower room and powder room that weren't inferior at all compared to a hotel. She was sweaty thanks to having the studio's lighting concentrated on her while dancing heavily. She was going to quickly take a shower first before going home.
The time was eleven o'clock at night.
She would be able to return home before the date changed.
She hung her studio outfit on the hanger and entered the powder room with her bag in one hand while wearing only her underwear. She put her hand on her back and unhooked her bra's hook. Her breasts were released from their binding and changed shape as though they too had released their tension.
Her breasts with the trace of bra remaining on them were displayed on the mirror. She thought that they had a pretty shape if she said so herself.
There was also nothing more elegant than the nipples with the faint coloring that dimly surfaced on her white skin.
Her fingertip softly touched on the tip.
Would the day come that the hand of someone else other than her touched this?

She suddenly recalled the figure of Lizel whose breast was massaged by Yuuto.
Although it couldn’t be helped because it was Lovers……she was amazed by Lizel’s doing.
She muttered inside her heart in exasperation and also in admiration. She took her hand from the tip of her breast because it felt like it would feel like she was being touched by Yuuto.
Her fingertip traced the soft curve of her left chest. It stopped at the small star near the valley of her chest.
「Fufuh」
Stella smiled in satisfaction. She caressed that star lovingly.
It looked like tattoo, but it wasn’t one.
That star changed color while shining beautifully.
「No man who can easily touch my chest will appear as long as I have this.」
After muttering that, she put her hand on her panty this time and pulled it down. Her white and smooth bottoms became exposed and she lifted up her legs to pull them out from the panty.
Her front nude body with not a single string covering it was displayed on the mirror. Stella was immersed in a feeling of satisfaction.
Her beauty was also enhanced with the stage outfit, but as expected there was no matching this beauty.
This figure without anything covering it was the most beautiful. Although this figure couldn’t be showed to other people that easily.
However, it might be alright to at least do a swimsuit gravure this summer──she thought about her future plan while heading to the shower room.
She pulled up the lever of the faucet and cold water flowed out slightly at first, but soon it changed into a flow of warm water.
「Aaa……it feels good……」
She unconsciously let out a monologue.
She bathed her whole body with warm water while keeping her hair from getting too wet. Water splashed on her skin and it became drops that flowed down her whole body without leaving any spot untouched.
She intended to take a proper bath when she returned home, so it was enough for her to lightly wash her sweat here. Stella stopped the hot water and returned to the powder room. She took the bath towel that was prepared there. With that, she wiped the water drops on her skin carefully as though she was wiping an expensive piece of art.
Her radiant skin was truly a piece of art. There wasn’t any scratch or stain on it. She also couldn’t let any to mar her skin from her on too.
However she only treated her skin with the body lotion that she was always carrying with her. She would do the proper treatment after taking a bath in her house later.

She took out the new underwear that she had just bought from her bag. It was a setup from a high class brand of France. It consisted of a white half-cup bra and knickers.
Its use of embroidery and lace was bold. Her skin and nipples were faintly visible.
Those who saw this would be unable to stop themselves from kneeling. It was a figure that made people felt that sexiness was strength.
It wasn't like she would show this to other people. However, the fact that there was beauty hidden under the clothes would lead to self-confidence and appeared at the surface through the person's atmosphere and bearing.
Of course she was also beautiful and cool even when clothed.
What if those clothes were peeled off? It would be completely opposite from peeling off the plating of an item. Rather, under this wrapping people would find a figure that overwhelmed them even more. The mysterious thing was that such aura would be transmitted to other people even without actually showing it.
Stella lightly winked at the mirror and hung her Chanel back from her shoulder. Then she exited the powder room.
Stella felt a slight discomfort when she came out of the waiting room.
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After thinking for a moment, she realized the true identity of her discomfort.
There was no presence of people.
There should be still a lot of staff and people concerned coming and going busily at this time. And yet far from figures of people, not even sound or presence of human could be felt.
She headed toward the elevator hall while harboring a strange feeling.
Usually there would be staffs waiting for the elevator to arrive in irritation, but there was no one right now.
The deserted hall was coldly illuminated by the bluish white ceiling's lighting.
Anxiety was slowly crawling up her spine.
Stella pushed the button for going down and waited for a while.
The lamp that was displaying the position of the elevator was moving tantalizingly slowly.
The door opened with a cold electronic sound.
An eerie monster that was shining with slimy glint was in it.
【Tsu!?】
The disgusting monster attacked with several tentacles that looked like the combination of jellyfish and octopus.
The tentacles stretched out with sticky sound *jubu jubu*.
【Tsk!】
Stella immediately moved to deploy a Barricade.
【Eh!?】
However it didn't activate for some reason.
It was impossible for someone like her to fail like this.

In that case──m
Stella backed away while parrying the tentacles with her bag. The bag that cost hundreds of thousands of yen became a sacrifice and the cosmetics and used underwear were scattered on the floor.
「Ohoh! That's the panty and bra of Hoshigaoka Stella yeah!」
A man with vulgar laugh appeared from behind the monster.
She felt like she had seen him before in the academy. In that case as expected he was the Card who was attacking her.
「Is this monster your doing? Whose Card are you?」
However that man didn't answer and only made a nasty grin.
「Hmph. It's a disgusting monster but, it's perfectly suited for the casters.」
That man didn't show any sign of feeling offended even after being insulted. He even looked delighted instead.
「Hehe, I like tentacle things after all.」
At that time, another two electronic sounds rang out and the other elevators opened.
The ugly figure that appeared from there made Stella showed her displeasure.
One was a monster that looked like jellyfish. Its shape was like an even fatter version of the first monster that appeared. Its height was two meters. There was a mouth at the top of its fat body and drool was dripping from there to swallow its prey.
And then the other monster was a man with horse head. However a huge male genitalia was standing tall on its crotch.
「As for me, I like both tentacle and vore.」
「No no, I completely prefer bestiality!」
These guys, they are planning to make these monsters rape me?
Stella felt exasperated rather than angry.
「Haa……to make me face this kind of opponent, your boss must be a big idiot.」
「Hmph, it's pointless even if you act tough. This building is surrounded by a special barrier.」
「Yep yep. It's a barrier that forbid the activation of new magic!」
So that was why these guys were so confident.
She didn't know how they summoned this monster, but they could move even inside the barrier if they were summoned beforehand.
「Hmph……is, that so!」
Stella dashed toward the window.
However, a sound like static electricity repulsed her finger the moment she tried to touch the window.
「……tsu!」
There was definitely a magic circle of barrier on the window. The men's condescending laughter echoed from behind.
「Ahaha, you're desperate! Pointless, pointless, there isn't anywhere for you to run!」

「Aa, I can't wait. To think that I'll be able to toy with that Hoshigaoka Stella……isn't it a waste to make our figurines violate her?」
「Yeah. As I thought, we should torment her with the figurines before we……」
Stella turned her back on the window and faced the three men and three monsters.
「I'll give you a warning beforehand. You guys are going to die if you try to do anything further than this to me you know?」
「Nice, as expected nothing beats humiliating an arrogant woman.」
「Yeah. Even a devil king candidate is just a woman if she can't use magic.」
Stella didn't look scared at all. She put her finger on her forehead as though she had a headache.
「Look here……there is no way that the like of you guys can defeat this me. Don't you guys understand that you are just being used as disposable pawn?」
However the three men were staring at Stella's body as though they were licking her body with their gazes.
「……I touched the barrier just now. It's certainly preventing the construction of a new magic formula. But it's meaningless against magic that is already deployed you know?」
「Hihih, it's pointless even if you bluff. Your defensive magic that was previously put up in this studio has been dispelled beforehand after all.」
「Aah geez! Either your boss is a big idiot or he is just using you guys as a bait──」
She noticed one of the men reaching out toward her underwear that were scattered on the floor.
「Wait! Don't touch that!」
「Ohoh! Could it be this has been used!? Awesome!」
The man put the crotch part of the panty on his nose and inhaled.
「……You」
Stella's face twisted in disgust.
「Stop screwing around already!!」
She started walking toward the man without even fearing the monsters.
Right after that──,
Suddenly a fierce sound of destruction resounded.
A hole was opened on the ceiling and the floor where Stella was standing until now also had a hole in it.
「……Eh.」
Stella turned around. Cold sweat trickled on her cheek.
「Wait! Is this also you guys doing!?」
「Eh……eh?」
The three men only stared at each other's face in bewilderment.
「Speak clearly!」
Stella passed beside the monsters and headed toward the men. But midway,
「Wha-!?」

Her feet slipped for some reason.
She staggered and reflexively put her hand on the wall.
In that instant,
An unknown shockwave passed through just a few centimeters beside Stella.
The fat jellyfish monster was pierced and its body composition was blown apart. Stella averted her face so that dirty filth wouldn't get on her face, but there was only plastic fragments scattered around her.
「This is……」
Stella looked up. As expected, there was a hole opened at the ceiling. And then at the floor too──,
「!!」
Stella broke into a run while the men weren't looking. She ran from the elevator hall back to the corridor that led to the waiting room.
Holes were then opened one after another at the ceiling and floor as though following behind her.
「Gugih──」「Gah──」「Geoh──」
Behind her, there were three screams of death agony resounding. However she had no leeway to look behind to confirm the corpses.
Someone was attacking her from a building's rooftop?
Which devil king candidate it could be?
What kind of characteristic magic this was? It was extremely close to a physical attack……no, it seemed like it was really a physical attack.
Even so, she never thought that someone would use their own Cards as disposable pawns to distract her.
It was truly sleazy.
Perhaps she should admire that point──!?
Someone was there.
There was a man in front of the waiting room.
He was standing at the middle of the corridor without doing anything special.
Red hair.
He had a kind hearted face that strangely felt like a mask.
Stella stopped running with three meters of distance remaining between them.
「……Are you the boss of those trashes?」
「Nope. Their master is the Tower.」
However, this man was inside a place that was locked by a barrier. This man too wasn't an ordinary person.
「And……who are you?」
That man smiled with an expression that looked like he couldn't even hurt a fly.
「The death god.」
「Tsu!?」
Cracks entered the whole surface of the ceiling.

It was crumbling!?
Stella’s eyes immediately searched for a place to escape, but she only saw cracks spreading on the wall and floor.
However the man before her eyes was calm.
Gimme a break, there is no way I’m going along with your double suicide!
Stella lost her foothold when she was about to dash away.
「……Tsu!!」
The floor crumbled and fell.
There wasn’t any place to run away to.
She was helpless.
Right after that, the ceiling fell.
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Part 2

The building that was a recording studio for a television station was crumbling with a tremor.
When the dense smoke that was rising up from it settled down, there was a woman laughing loudly above the mountain of rubbles that was once a building.
「Ahahahahaha! You see that!? This is the strength of Strength! Strength is justice! Strength is power!!」
The devil king candidate of Strength, Sannou Rikimaru was showing off her arm muscle with a guts pose.
Rikimaru was on standby on the building's rooftop. She was given the role to finish off Stella from above if Stella escaped from the barrier using some kind of method.
However, she was unable to endure while sensing the presence of prey under her feet.
So she swung her fist against her better judgment.
It resulted in an attack that was like a cannonball attacking Stella. The shockwave pierced from the rooftop of five storey building until the underground.
And then the last attack possessed a might that destroyed the building itself.
「Even the Star Hoshigaoka Stella isn't a big deal at all! But that's only because Rikimaru-chan is too powerful!」
But, it wasn't just Stella who she finished off.
The Cards of Tower and also Lost inside the building were dragged into the destruction.
Marios who was watching everything from start to end from the parking lot adjacent to the building turned pale after seeing the crumbling building.
「YOU BIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIIITCH!? What the hell did you do just now!! Fucking hell!!」
The people sent into that building was three Court Cards of Tower. Naniwa, Karasuma, and Yamashita. Now they were buried under the building's rubbles.
Normal magic couldn't be used because of the barrier that was laid out.
Surely those three were unable to protect themselves or escape the destruction.

They were in alliance even if it was just for a brief time. And yet Rikimaru sacrificed the Tower's Cards and Death without any hesitation. However the culprit didn't seem concerned at all.
「Ahahaha, it was the best chance! Well, the result is all right so no problem!」
「What is all right!? All of them died because of you!!」
Rikimaru's bright laughter completely changed into a cruel smile.
「Aa……it was unfortunate buut, it couldn't be helped. This is the Devil King War after all. The weak can only die here~」
Marios clenched his fist and gritted his teeth.
「Shit-……the worst, this is the worst.……ku, kukuku」
There was a part of himself that was enjoying this situation. He never expected to lose his Cards in this kind of form. But, he had a hunch that it might become like this.
Joudogahama Lost was a death god—no, a god of pestilence.
That guy was making him fell.
His body shivered.
The pleasure of falling. The degenerate bliss from the situation turning hopeless for him in misfortune.
He was gradually losing sight of himself whether her was aiming to become the next devil king or whether he was wishing for his own ruin.
But, even that was over.
Even Lost who might be leading him to a tumble was under the rubble right now. There was no saving him.
Fortunately, he still had his Ace and Queen Cards with him.
He would hide for a while—,
「What……?」
A part of the mountain of rubbles shook violently.
「Heave ho」
The rubbles collapsed. Behind them there was a tunnel.
Walls of concrete and steel frames were interlacing together in a stroke of fortune and crated an empty space inside the mountain of rubbles.
A beautiful girl with skin that had thin coloring appeared from inside there wearing a uniform that was attached with fur.
「Good grief, you guys weren't holding back at all……I have regular show in this station, what I'm going to do now?」
That was the devil king candidate of Star.
「Ho……Hoshigaoka Stella!?」
There wasn't a scratch on her.
As expected her clothes got dusty, but that was all.
Rikimaru who was standing on top of the rubbles whistled in admiration.
「This is surprising! I can't believe you are safe!!」
Stella got out of the rubbles and looked up at Rikimaru.
「As I thought, that brutish attack was from you wasn't it, Sannou Rikimaru?」

「Hahaha. It’s disappointing that Rikiamaru-chan can’t beat you directly, but this is as far as my role goes! I’ll leave the rest to the bunch who are lovey dovey with Stella!!」
Rikimaru leaped down to the other side of the rubbles and vanished from view.
「What is she saying……which lovey dovey bunch she means?」
Stella looked around and her gaze stopped on Marios who was standing in a corner of a parking lot.
「Does she mean you?」
「I……I’m……」
Marios sweated heavily from his forehead.
—Shiiit, I got into the worst situation!!
He left behind his masterpiece in his workshop. He should retreat when the building collapsed.
Marios started to back away slowly, but then the headlight of a car that was parked nearby lit up.
「!?」
The beaming light illuminated Stella.
Stella put her hand over her face because it was too bright. And then she narrowed her eyes and glared at the car.
It was a high class Italian sport car. The door of the passenger seat opened and a girl got out.
「Stella~, it’s not that one who is heads over heels with you.」
「That voice……Sansa isn’t it? That means—」
Kitakami Lunatic showed up from the driver’s seat.
「As I thought, it’s you two……good grief. There is no end to you guys……」
Stella looked fed up. On the contrary Lunatic was making a thin smile.
「The moon is beautiful tonight. It’s a good night for a journey. Hoshigaoka Stella.」
Lunatic walked toward Stella with the car’s headlight as his background.
「Do your beeest♥ Luna~!」
Sansa’s elbow leaned on the car and she waved her hand.
Stella turned a cold gaze toward such Sansa.
「You aren’t joining in?」
Sansa replied to the glaring Stella cheerfully.
「Yes. I’ll just cheer from here♪ I’m leaving this to Luna.」
「Is that alright? I’ll murder him though.」
「Fuh……how confident of you.」
Lunatic stopped walking and raised his chin as though to look down on Stella.
「However, I’m amazed that you’re unharmed. How did that happen?」
「Star govern over everything’s destiny. The star of fortune is on my side.」
「……Nonsense. The puppet users at the beginning was just a feint, but Rikimaru’s attack isn’t something that can be dodged by luck. Was there a hole in the barrier somewhere?」

「The barrier was well made. But, the barrier is pointless if it can't affect magic that is already activated beforehand. Well, that kind of barrier would be noticeable when it's activated though.」
「So it's a magic with special effect……?」
Stella stared at Lunatic with an upward gaze while her fingers started to unbuttoned her coat. In addition she also unbuttoned her shirt's button and opened the front to expose her chest.
It was a white and beautiful valley that any man would be unable to avert their eyes from.
There, a star that changed color while emitting light was clinging on the skin.
「The star of fortune is literally on my side. This is the star of fortune from my characteristic magic Horoscope[Destiny Reservation].」
In a glance, it only looked like a star shaped sticker that was pasted on the skin.
Lunatic frowned and fixed his gaze on the shining star on Stella's chest.
「That thing……is informing you of danger?」
Stella proudly snorted 'fufun' and hid her exposed chest with an air of importance.
「It's producing fortune that automatically protect me. It's a perfect magical security system that is active 24 hours.」
Lunatic's gaze became increasingly grimmer.
He understood the theory.
This magic……its practical application was close to a barrier that protected a certain space. However, barrier was normally applied on unmoving land or building. And yet this barrier was applied on a living and moving thing continuously.
Furthermore, this barrier wasn't simply hiding the user from the enemy's sight or blocking attack.
It continued to monitor threat from all directions and also within a wide range, granting the user ability to automatically dodge even attack that the user themselves didn't notice. And if such barrier was active 24 hours a day, 365 days per year, regardless whether the user was awake or asleep—,
Such magic was already at the level of miracle.
It was no different than obtaining an absolute luck. But—,
「Just how much mana you are consuming in order to making such magic a reality……」
Lunatic couldn't even calculate the amount.
Nobles were exploiting energy from the humans. They were converting the mental energy that occurred from the fluctuation of human's heart into mana and collected that.
But, if a noble was actually trying out what Stella was doing, they would immediately fall into ruin even if they possessed a considerable amount of territory.

「My populace doesn't exist in my territory. They exist everywhere all over the world.」
「What?」
Stella grinned and smiled fearlessly.
「I'm not using my own mana. The mana for this all come from the offering of my fans. They are offering me so much mana that they are even shaving off their own lifespan……understand?」
「What did you say……? Something impossible like that──」
「It's possible.」
Stella brushed her light brown hair that was closer to platinum color and twisted her body.
「I ask you to not look down on my fans. They are all hardcore warriors. They are constantly thinking of me, my figure, my voice, and my performance in intoxication. All their hearts are become energy for me.」
「Something like that……will soon run out.」
「Even if I say lifespan, what I'm taking from each of them is only a small quantity of the whole. Even so their number is vast. Furthermore my fans are always growing with new fans. There is no limit to my energy source.」
Stella stared at Lunatic triumphantly.
They continued to stare at each other like that for several seconds.
「Fufufu……」
Lunatic let out a meaningful chuckle.
「So that's how it is. Now I understand the secret of your strength.」
Lunatic stretched out his left hand to the side theatrically before he snapped his fingers.
Then the car's headlight vanished.
The surrounding became enveloped in darkness──or it should be.
However, something big and round and bright was still floating on Lunatic's back.
Nervousness ran through Stella's expression.
「……Don't tell me!!」
It was a shining silver moon.
「You better carve this sight into your eyes. The characteristic magic of this me, Queen of Night[Beauty Under the Moon].」
Stella reflexively looked up above her head. The moon that she was used to see was floating there.
What was behind Lunatic's back was another moon that was created by his characteristic magic. However, she wondered what kind of effect it had.
Stella focused into the star on her chest.
The star of fortune was still in effect──in that case, was that moon had no harmful effect?
Lunatic brushed up his front hair, but his hand stopped moving in the middle. He gazed at Stella from between his flowing hair.
「Stella. Your star of fortune is really something. However, it has a large flaw.」

「Flaw?」
「That's certainly a star that bring you fortune. There is no doubt that even the attack of this me won't be able to get close to you.」
「So you get it.」
——And yet, what was with this confidence of Lunatic?
「But, what if it's you who attack yourself?」
「Ha?」
What was this guy saying?
For her to be her own enemy——,
「——Don't tell me」
Stella noticed, at the same time Lunatic brushed off his silver forelock.
The moon behind him shined mysteriously.
「Oh Queen of Night! Drag out Stella's own fear from the bottom of her heart!!」
As expected——it was a mental attack.
Stella snorted.
「Too bad. Something like a hackneyed mind attack won't——」
Her field of vision shook.
「……Eh?」
That's impossible.
With my Horoscope, even mind attack can be resisted——,
That's right.
What did this guy said just now?
The one who is attacking, is myself?
「Don't group my Queen of Night with brainwashing or hypnotist. This characteristic magic isn't attacking or directly interfering the opponent at all.」
「What……did you say?」
「What Queen of Night is doing is simply releasing your own fear, the trauma inside your subconscious mind, the beast lurking in your heart, that's all. However——」
Lunatic smiled with a blazing gaze.
「That beast will invite you to madness and destroy yourself.」
「Kuh……!」
The scenery before her eyes started to distort and rotate.
「Anyone possess madness at the depth of their heart. No matter who they are, they are stifling themselves and raising a beast of madness. It's a monster that cannot be released or tamed. It will devour your mind——and become a living corpse.」
「Something like that……there is no way this me will lose to that!!」
「One's greatest enemy is your own self. It's not other people who make you fall. Anyone is corrupting themselves.」
Her consciousness was dragged to a deep part of herself.
Don't! I have to hold my ground somehow!!
「It's pointless. You are already charmed by the moon.」

「Yo……you! Don’t underestimate the Star Hoshigaoka Stella!!」
She held up her hand to fire an attack magic.
「The king of moon rule over this night sky. It’s only natural that the star that approach the moon become invisible.」
Lunatic narrowed his eyes and showed a cold smile.
「Fall. In the end you are just a shooting star.」
「—Tsu!!」
Stella’s sight became pitch black.
She felt like her legs were grabbed and she was dragged into a deep valley.
Fall.
Sink.
Drop.
When she noticed, she was standing on a soft carpet.
「……eh」
A nostalgic room.
It was the living room of her home in the devil world. However, the room was excessively wide and the furniture looked big.
She realized the reason. Her view point was awfully low.
She had returned to become a child before she noticed it.
「Onee-sama.」
Her little brother was sitting on the sofa.
「What’s wrong Stella? Don’t just stand there.」
Otou-sama was at the sofa near the window.
「Now, let’s eat. Stella too, sit on your chair.」
Okaa-sama.
No.
That person would come soon.
Everyone was in danger.
「Eat a lot and grow strong. After all Stella is the star of hope of our family.」
Otou-sama was in a good mood. Her little brother was also looking at her with respect.
「Onee-sama, you are really strong. You surely won’t lose against anyone.」
Yes. I never lost against my friends of the same age.
My magic doesn’t even lose against adult.
I’m surely the strongest.
No matter what happen, I’ll protect my family.
The me at this time believe that.
—Until that person came.
My little brother’s neck was beheaded.
Otou-sama was crushed flat, Okaa-sama was scattered in pieces.
I ran away.
With tears and drools and snots dripping down.
Why am I going through something like this?
I couldn’t do anything to resist the unreasonableness that suddenly came barging in.

I ran away while begging for forgiveness and desperately speaking words of apology.
But, that person is pursuing.
If I'm caught, how would I be killed?
I let out a meaningless sob while hiding inside a thick ticket at the garden.
That person comes.
I held my mouth so that my voice won't leak out.
A large black shadow comes.
This isn't the place for me to take revenge for my family.
I prayed so that I'm alone will be saved.
That person is coming.
I'm shaking all over and tears won't stop flowing.
It's scary to even listen to the footsteps. It's scary to even look at that person.
But it's also scary to close my eyes, close my ears, and tremble in place while not knowing when that person will come.
It's scary no matter what I do.
Powerless.
I'm in despair, because I can't do anything by myself about my destiny.
I was an existence that was this weak and meaningless.
I felt enlightened and resigned—and yet,
When that person stopped in front of me,
My fear exceeded the limit.
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「NOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!」
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Stella let out a shriek.
It was a shout that would make even the listeners felt fear.
The shriek trailed on and it vanished before long.
Stella stood still at the center of the parking lot.
Her hands dangled limply on her sides and tension completely left her body.
Her eyes were opened, but those eyes weren't looking at anything. Her slightly opened lips were whispering something with a voice that couldn't be made out.
There was no radiance of a star from that figure like before. She looked like a living corpse.
Lunatic sighed 'fuh' with a smile.
「……The Star has fallen.」
Sansa sent an applause while still leaning on the car's door.
「Aamazi~ing♪ As expected from Luna! So cooooll!!」
Marios was dumbfounded seeing Stella's figure that was a mere shadow of her former self.
「So this is……the power of Moon.」

That Stella was turned into an invalid with one attack……? What an absurd monster.
But with this he now understood that guy's power.
He could do it. He could win using his Babel Tower.
If he was careless then they might bring each other down simultaneously, but when he imagined himself getting devoured to death by his madness, it made his heart exhilarated on its own way.
Marios grinned inside his heart while looking at Lunatic who was walking toward Stella.
「It's said that a star shine the brightest just before it explode. Your radiance too is a momentary spark──」
「Fu……fufufufu.」
A laughter came out from Stella who was still looking down.
Lunatic's face clouded.
「──What?」
「I'm thankful to you, Kitakami Lunatic. For making me remember.」
「……Impossible.」
Lunatic stared at Stella with a disbelieving gaze.
「The Queen of Night has completely made you……」
「Yes, thanks to that I remember it after so long……」
Stella's eyes were shining like star when she lifted up her face.
「Recently, I was completely a peace idiot……it was troubling that my desire for revenge was fading despite myself.」
「You……」
Lunatic's face stiffened.
「As the token of my gratitude, I shall present you with my treasured star.」
Stella's right hand slowly rose up and pointed at Lunatic's face.
「Kuh!」
Lunatic jumped a long distance behind. He backed away until the car where Sansa was at with a single jump.
He didn't know what Stella was going to do right now.
However, he felt an outrageous danger.
What in the world was she planning?
However, it seemed he was able to avoid danger for the time being.
Lunatic didn't let his guard down and observed Stella.
What should he do to defeat this woman?
A woman who endured his Queen of Night.
No, that was impossible.
In that case……it must be her Horoscope that was at work to hinder his characteristic magic.
「……What a troublesome woman.」
Stella kept pointing at Lunatic. She had a self-assured smile on her face.
「How is it? Is it to your liking?」
「……?」
There wasn't anything strange with his body.

There was also no trace of magic being used.
Was it just a bluff? If so then this—,
「Luna……what, is that?」
Sansa pointed at Lunatic's cheek.
「?」
Sansa touched his cheek, but he himself couldn't see it.
「Is there something on my cheek, Sansa?」
「On your cheek, there is a star……」
「!?」
He kept vigilant against Stella while taking a glance at his car's side mirror.
Certainly, there was a black star on his right cheek.
「Wha……」
It wouldn't vanish even after he rubbed or scratched on it.
「You……what's this?」
Stella folded her arms and declared with a cruel grin.
「That's the star of death.」
「……Tsu!?」
「You have one more day to live. You will be able to put your affair in order with that much time right? You should do your best to hold dear to your remaining time in this world.」
Cold sweat drenched Lunatic's whole body.
「Fuh……what a nonsense.」
「Do you think that Horoscope can only be used for protection?」
「……Tsu!?」
「Lunatic, you are already dead, it's only a matter of time. Which do you want, to die after taking your time to prepare, or die right now?」
「Fu……」
Lunatic held down his uneasiness and fear, then he smiled.
「I choose none of them……until I kill you first!」
He snapped his figners, then three girls appeared from a car that parked in some distance away. They were the Cards of Moon, the Queen, the Knight, and number II Swordia.
However Stella didn't look concerned at all even though the Moon's reinforcement arrived. She made a composed smile and put her fingertip under the fur around her neck—,
「Strangely, there is no one who choose to live longer isn't it……」
She took out a card.

It had the picture of stars that shined in the sky and a naked woman—the arcana of Star.
「The Star govern the destiny. It announce that your destiny ends here.」
The Cards of the Moon rushed toward Stella.
A huge moon floated once more behind Lunatic's back.
「I'll draw out your madness one more time! Even with your Horoscope, you won't be able to endure it that many times!!」
Stella's green eyes shined and a sadistic smile formed on her lips.
「Then, you better do it before that thing fall.」
She held up the Star arcana toward the sky.
「Galaxy Zero[Celestial Body Dead Ball]!!」
「!?」
Lunatic's gaze snapped at above him.
A shining sphere was floating.
It wasn't the moon of Queen of Night.
What was that?
The moment he thought that.
It was a shooting star—a falling meteor.
There wasn't even any time to raise his voice.
The celestial body with speed that far surpassed the speed of sound mercilessly crushed Lunatic's body.
The moon floating behind him was smashed.
The ground quaked from the impact like an earthquake.
The shockwave of a falling star produced huge flame and shockwave.
「—Tsu!?」
The Cards of Moon were swallowed by the flame. At the next moment, five bodies were sent flying by the shockwave.
The incomparable blast gouged the ground. Asphalt was lfited up and surged to the surrounding like a tsunami.
The parked cars were all blown away. They slammed on the walls of the surrounding buildings. Then the buildings' walls were cracked and glasses were all smashed up.
When the explosion died down, there was a large crater formed at the place that was a parking lot.
Stella spat out her words at the center of that explosion.
「—You are just a mere satellite. Don't act arrogantly in front of a fixed star.」
Galaxy Zero was completely different from Horoscope. It was Stella's other characteristic magic.
It was a genocide magic that possessed overwhelming destructive power.
「You still want to have a go?」
Stella asked the other fixed star here.
It was the Sun Sansa who had quickly withdrew to some distance away from the edge of the crater.

「Luna……is dead.」
Sansa stared in a daze at the crater. Marios was also behind her with a pale face.
She thought that she might also got either of them if she was lucky but—,
……Even a joke like them were still devil king candidate. They weren't so easy that they could be dealt with just by getting mixed up in an attack.
Stella smiled triumphantly and asked once more.
「Are you going to face me alone? Or perhaps, you who are shivering behind there are the one going to fight me?」
Marios twitched and his shoulders shook. However it seemed that Sansa didn't even take any notice of Marios. Sansa covered her face with both hands as though to hide her tears.
「Aa……this is, horrible……Luna. Luna is……」
「The talk won't progress like this……」
Stella got tired of it. Then she noticed the other silhouette that was standing at the opposite side of the crater.
「Hee……」
It was a blindfolded girl.
If she heard correctly……she was one of the Cards that Lunatic called out.
Although she limited the magic's power to only affect limited area, to be able to escape from that explosion……this girl was quite something.
However with her master dead, it was impossible for that girl to attack her any further.
Her appearance also wasn't bad. Perhaps she would scout her next time.
While thinking that—Stella returned her gaze to Sansa.
「And, what are you going to do in the end? Are you going to take revenge here?」
Sansa grieved and moaned her partner's death, but she suddenly lifted up her face.
「Why?」
There wasn't any trace of tear on her face. Her expression was puzzled.
Even Stella was slightly surprised by that reaction.
「Why you ask……he was your partner right?」
Sansa looked up slightly to the side and hummed 「Hmm」 before,
「But, he is already dead. I'm going to look for other partner.」
She easily answered.
Then what was her grieving until just now?
Stella asked one more with a slight exasperation.
「Didn't you like him?」
Sansa smiled thinly and folded her arms.
「I wonder about that. Though I called him my partner, he was a man who cannot shine without me.」
「You haven't changed……I don't hate that side of you but, I also don't like it.」
「Is that so? But I hate you, you know?」

「I know.」
They glared at each other for three seconds before Sansa turned her back toward Stella and left.
Marios who was behind her also disappeared following Sansa.
Only Stella remained behind.
She sensed her surrounding to confirm that there was no more enemy. After that she finally let go of the tension in her shoulders.
「Haaaa~……that was a bit dangerouuuus……」
She got carried away and used her characteristic magic too much.
「Sheesh, I lavishly used the star of death with Horoscope that cost a lot, then I used Galaxy Zero……just what were I doing killing someone twice like that.」
She understood the reason. It was because she was shown something like that.
Because of that she completely lost her senses against her better judgment.
「Well, no matter. This will become a page of my legend.」
「Exactly, that was magnificent.」
Something cold ran through her spine.
She immediately constructed the magic formula of Barricade while turning around.
Over there was the mountain of rubbles of what was formerly a building.
It was half blown away by Galaxy Zero's shockwave and only half of its height remained.
A man was sitting on top of the rubbles while looking at her with a smile.
「As for me, it was really a sight of sore eyes to be able to see two such extravagant things.」
「You……」
A red haired young man.
Since when he was there……?
「……So you are also safe. How did you escape from there?」
「Escape?」
That young man stood up and dusted off the dust on his trouser.
「I didn't run away. I was buried under this all this time.」
「Buried……?」
She didn't know whether he was lying or not. Was he a devil with similar ability like her?
「You said that you're a death god or something didn't you? Introduce yourself properly. Who are you?」
That young man cracked a smile.
「I guess I should. Sorry. I'm Joudogahama Lost. The devil king candidate of Death.」
「—Tsu!?」
Stella completed the construction of Barricade that she did halfway and deployed it in front of her.
She prepared an attack magic while cursing inside her heart.

This guy was Death!?
The existence of Death's devil king candidate hadn't been made clear until now.
It was unknown who was chosen for it.
A devil king candidate with mysterious identity.
That candidate……was this guy?
She didn't feel any intense presence from this person's appearance or content.
Rather she felt anticlimax.
However he shouldn't be an ordinary person as the one who possessed the arcana of Death.
Aa—geez! As expected I used too much mana!
While Stella's uneasiness was fanned up, Lost waved his hand listlessly.
「Aa, don't worry, I don't have any intention to fight here.」
She couldn't easily say *Is that so* and believe that. Stella didn't let her guard down and continued to glare.
「Then, you only came for greeting?」
「It's for invitation. You, how about joining our alliance?」
「Alliance, you say?」
「Yep. It's for teaming up temporarily and take care of the troublesome opponents.」
「……」
Troublesome opponents……huh.
「I refuse. I won't receive any order from anyone, I also hate to be tied down. And above all else—I don't believe other people.」
「Yeah, I expected that answer. Well, I too just want to ask that.」
Lost took off his gaze from Stella and got down the mountain of rubbles. He then walked toward the exit of the parking lot.
「Then I'll go ahead. I might kill you next time, but still, best regards.」
「……Someone like you, can you do that?」
Lost tilted his head just a little and turned toward Stella.
「Don't you know that bringing death is the specialty of Death?」
Eyes that looked like corpse coldly caught Stella.
「—I'll bring death to all of you. You should remember that, young lady of noted noble family.」
Stella's skin got goosebumps.
What?
What's with this guy.
He wasn't a normal devil.
Something was different.
Besides,
If, this guy got serious—,
She would really get killed here right now—she got that feeling.
「Kuh……」

Stella didn’t even take a step from that place until Lost’s figure vanished from her sight.

Chapter 5 – Death God

Part 1

It was a building's construction site.
The devil king candidates who were in an alliance were standing on the steel frame structure.
「Ooi!! What the hell is wrong with you bastardssss!?」
Marios yelled out all the boiling anger in his guts.
「Strength! I lost three of my Suit Cards because of your fault! Three damn Cards all gone in an instant!! What the hell is wrong with you screw up!!」
However the Strength Sannou Rikimaru was picking into her ear while replying in annoyance.
「Man you're noisy, it's not a big deal anyway. You just need to replenish them.」
「……Tsu! You think it's so easy!! I need someone who has special talent in creating model!」
The Sun Sansa Summers interrupted to mediate between the two.
「Now now, Marios too calm down~, let's get along with each other okay?」
「Who can do that!!」
Marios also couldn't believe Sansa's attitude.
Wasn't this woman originally a team with the Moon Kitakami Lunatic?
「Are you alright with this huh? Even Lunatic was done in you know? Wasn't he your boyfriend?」
「Hmm, but he is dead already, so there is nothing that can be done about iit~」
Shit! This woman cannot be talk with.
Were they seriously not lover? Even though she at least looked like she was in love with the Moon, but what was with this attitude?
She was acting really easy-going.
「Well, I guess I also need to prepare a new boyfriend quickly~」
Her speaking tone was so casual as though she was talking about changing accessory.
The remaining female here, the Wheel of Fortune Shimokadzuma Rinne was only smiling cheerfully like an idiot just like usual.
「Aaah! Dammit all!!」
Marios kicked a nearby steel beam flying because he had no other place to vent his anger.
「Hahaha, calm down. I understand why you are so irritated.」

Joudogahama Lost was leaning on a nearby steel beam. He spoke with his expression looking really awkward.
「This might not be enough to compensate you, but for your loss we are going to protect you from now on.」
「……What did you say?」
Lost pushed his body off from the steel beam and spread his arms wide open as though to give a warm welcome.
「That's why, you can just continue making your models without worrying about anything. A model that can defeat even a powerful enemy with one attack. For example……」
Lost made a refreshing smile.
「A model that can even defeat the Triumph or the current devil king.」
——!?
「You assholee……」
「I learned something from what happened this time. You aren't suited to come out to the frontline.」
「I know that already from the start you bastard!! Y-you were the one dragging me outtt!!」
「But, to use Babel Tower, you need to face your opponent and fix the target right?」
「So what! I'm completely aware of that already! That's why, I need to prepare meticulously for that! That's——」
「But, there is a limit of doing that by yourself. Sooner or later you will need comrades to protect you.」
「That's why, my Cards were doing that for me!!」
There were also the models that were created by his Cards. Those should become his army.
But now he had lost all his belongings.
——*Don't tell me,*
This guy, was taking away my fighting strength?
Lost's friendly smile looked like a different face to him now.
「What about this? I'm not going to force you to listen. This is only a suggestion from me.」
「……What is it?」
「That's why, I want you to allow us to protect you.」
The current him had lost almost all of his possession. He could only do as Lost told him. If he refused——,
「If you can't contain your anger no matter what, I also won't mind if you leave this alliance right now though……」
The four devil king candidates stared at him.
It didn't matter what kind of mask they were wearing at the outside. Their eyes were only filled with chilling calculation and scheming inside.
He was,
Entrapped.
「……Got it. I'll do like you say.」

Lost nodded in satisfaction.
"Yep. That's good. Then, let's meet again next week."
Lost left those words behind and left. The other devil king candidates also followed him and vanished.
Marios who was the last one remaining here stood still on the spot.
The situation was beyond absurd for him, and yet he was smiling instead.
How did it turn out like this?
That's right.
The cause was Lovers.
Putting it another way,
If only he could take care of Lovers, his anxiety would disappear.
After that he would hide himself and waited until there was only a single candidate other than him in the Devil King War.
He would wait while making the strongest and best model.
He had understood Lovers's hand through the attack before.
He could kill him.
Besides he was also interested.
What could possibly be more important than one's own life?
"I wonder, what is his possession that will break……fu, fuhihihihihyahahahahahahahaha!!"
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Part 2

「Yuu-kuuun. We're going to depart soon.」
「Yeees」
I checked my hairstyle at the washbasin on the second floor. My clothes too, well, they are normal.
Today was Sunday. The whole family would go out shopping. It was rare for us to do this.
This was because Reina was still lacking a lot of daily necessities and furniture. And so we were going shopping for those things with the whole family today.
The room that was used as storage was also finally tidied up, so it became possible now to bring in furniture to fill the room. Even so, the room was still empty with only the minimal change of clothes inside.
We were going to need a bed or perhaps a futon, we would also need a closet, and it would be better if there was a table for studying. Reina also didn't have enough clothes for pajama or casual use, then buying additional tableware for Reina, etc, etc……we were going to buy a lot.
I got down to the first floor where everyone was waiting at the entrance.
Reina smiled from the bottom of my heart when she saw me.
「Going out, we are going out desu, Onii-chan!」
「Yeah, I'm looking forward to it.」
「Yes! Reina is very happy to be able to go out with everyone desu desu!」
She answered with sparkling eyes.
Kaa-san and Tou-san were also watching that smilingly.
「Then, let's goo!! Both of you, quickly wear your shoes!」
We sat down at the entrance and put our feet into our shoes.
I saw Reina's worn out shoes beside me and thought, aa, we got to buy shoes to replace her old one too……while I was thinking that,
「Reina?」
Reina was leaning on my shoulder.
Oi oi, you shouldn't act spoiled like this in front of Tou-san and Kaa-san……I was about to say that, but the weight that I felt on my shoulder seemed strange.
Rather than feeling like someone was leaning on me, it felt like a puppet was falling on me——,
「Reina!?」
Her body slipped down and fell on my lap.

「Reina-chan!?」
「What's wrong!?」
Kaa-san and Tou-san shouted.
Shit!! Why!
I held up Reina's body, climbed the stair, and laid her down on my bed in my room.
Reina! Get a hold of yourself!!]
I touched her cheek with a trembling hand and talked to her eyes that were like glass that didn't see anything.
Light returned to her eyes in that moment.
「E-eh……Onii-chan……why is, Reina in the room……」
I let out a long sigh. It felt like even my soul was going to slip out along with my breath.
She was still, alright.
Reina didn't die.
「A-aa……it looks like your condition isn't really good. Let's go after you rest for a bit.」
When I said that, Reina seemed to guess something from my expression and made a sad face.
「Sorry……because of Reina」
Her breathing was slightly in pain. Her forehead was also sweaty.
Kaa-san and Tou-san also entered my room and peered to Reina in worry.
「What are you saying, Reina-chan's body is the most important thing.」
「Yeah, you should just focus on getting better right now.」
「……Yes.」
Reina smiled even while she was drenched in sweat.
After that I helped her changing clothes, preparing wet towel, I did everything I could think of.
「Are you alright Reina-chan? Is there anything you want?」
「No……mama, sorry. Reina is being a bother.」
「Don't say that. You aren't a bother at all. Let's go out together when you get better.」
「Yes……Reina is……looking forward to it desu, desu.」
Reina frowned in pain, even so she desperately tried to smile.
It pained me to see this.
「Then, call my phone if anything happen.」
I placed Reina's smartphone beside her pillow, then Kaa-san and I got out of Reina's room.
We went to the first floor and entered the kitchen. There Kaa-san turned toward me. She looked like she was going to break out crying even now.
「Yuu-kun. Is there no way to save Reina-chan?」
「That's……」
Since then Lizel-senpai and Miyabi had been looking for a way. What I could do wasn't much, but senpai and Miyabi were calling on their acquaintances like doctors or magicians.

「Reina-chan……she never complained how painful or hard it is for her, not even once. Even though she is in that state, she is trying to not make us worry……」
Kaa-san sat down on a chair in the kitchen and put her hand on her forehead in sorrow.
「Even though I want her to at least be selfish in this kind of time……I talked big that I'm her mama……but in the end I can't do anything.」
That Kaa-san who was always cheerful and bright was feeling down. Tear spilled down from the corner of her eye.
Dammit.
It was me who couldn't do anything.
Even though I was a devil king candidate, and Reina's master.
Even though I was a big brother.
Dammit! Morioka Yuuto!!
Just how powerless and useless guy are you!!
Even if I tried to rely on someone, I was different from senpai and Miyabi. I had no connection at all.
If there was someone──,
「You are scared that doll is going to break down right? Then you can redo it no matter how many times you like with this girl's ability.」
Marios's words revived in my mind.
That Wheel of Fortune's characteristic magic Revival. Was there nothing I could do except relying on that ability?
But even though that Tower was telling me to become their ally, he tried to kill me──no, he tried to kill Reina too.
His action didn't match his words.
Was he acting because of his whim, or was he forced by a situation and so he was reluctant to invite me……or perhaps, the alliance wasn't united in one purpose?
Could I entrust Reina's life to someone that couldn't be trusted like that?
Then, what should I do?
Think, Morioka Yuuto.
In the end you were just a human.
You were accidentally chosen by an arcana, and by luck you were helped out by amazing people like Lizel-senpai and others. You were just a mediocre man.
I wasn't reliable at all.
However I didn't have many devil acquaintances.
The headmaster told me before that he couldn't back up any particular devil king candidate.
I already tried asking Geld if he might know something.
The rest of my acquaintances were only other devil king candidates, but I would show my weakness if I relied on them. Lizel-senpai had tried asking Neith, but I couldn't just carelessly try relying on Stella.

After all, when I was going to save Lizel-senpai from Aspite, she asked me to give her Lizel-senpai as reward. There was no way I could—,
「—?」
Wait.
Something got caught in my mind.
What could it be?
「Yuu-kun? What's wrong?」
「Ah……no.」
It was something that I almost completely forgot.
Just now, did I recall someone's name?
Come to think of it, that Geld once said—,
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「Aah!?」
「Wha-! What's wrong!? Yuu-kun!!」
I suddenly yelled loudly. Kaa-san was looking at me with worry.
……That was right.
There was one.
Even I had one.
Someone I could rely on.
A guy with the perfect power for this kind of time.
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Part 3

The neighbors seemed to think of that house as a deserted house.
Once it was a splendid mansion, but it became a deserted building in one night. The second floor vanished and the first floor's walls also became full with holes. The windows were also smashed up.
I didn't pay any attention to it at that time, but now that I saw it like this, I understood after this late that we were really running wild.
I pushed the iron bar gate.
The gate didn't swing open. Instead it collapsed to the other side.
The building ahead of me was truly a deserted building.
Was he really in this kind of place?
I walked through the front yard that got glasses scattered everywhere on the ground. Then I put my hand on the front door.
……It wouldn't open.
I went around the garden and entered inside from a spot where the wall was blown away.
Trace of fire was remaining inside the room. It was painful to look at. I got through the room and went out to the corridor. There the floor was covered with wall fragments and glass fragments.
I walked through that corridor deeper into the building.
「That's……」
There was a door that was damaged relatively lightly at the end of the corridor.
I grabbed the door handle and twisted it.
It wouldn't open.
It seemed this was the place.
I backed away for two or three meters and kicked on the door with the momentum that I gathered.
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「ASPITEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE!!」
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There was the sound of the lock getting busted, then the door opened hard.
The inside of the room was dim. There was a sour smell.
At the corner of the room, a man was sitting while hugging his knees. A blanket was covering him from his head.
This was the man who was locking himself in this room.
The shut-in showed a shocked expression at the sudden intrusion.

「It has been some time isn’t it, the World Aspite.」
「Yo……you bastard……Morioka, Yuuto.」
He was just barely saying that with shaking lips.
I cut across the room and headed straight to the window.
「Hih!?」
I paid no mind to the frightened Aspite and opened the window’s curtain all at once.
「……U!」
Aspite covered his eyes from the dazzling light. Surely he hadn’t seen the sunlight for a while here. He was trying to crawl deeper into his blanket.
「Oi, get out from there already.」
I grabbed on the blanket and forcefully peeled it off from him.
Aspite appeared from below it hugging himself while shrinking his body as small as possible.
「Y-you bastard……how far, you are…..you are going to ridicule this me until you are……」
Aspite’s eyes were teary.
「Don’t bother me any further than this! Morioka Yuuto!!」
Seeing him like this even made me felt somewhat sympathetic.
He was simply reaping what he sow, but when I saw him falling this low, there was guilt welling up inside me.
「Aa……sorry. I apologize that I suddenly come here like this. But, I have business with you that—」
「Shut up! This is a space only for me, a world for only me.」
Aspite looked up at me with a gaze of resentment.
「That’s right. This cramped space is my whole world. What’s so wrong about it!? I don’t want anyone stepping into it, I don’t want to talk to anyone here! Get out! Get out from my world!!」
I actually wanted to respect his feeling. Even if I had to talk to him, I wanted to take my time more without being forceful.
But, right now I didn’t have any leeway for that.
I kneeled in front of the teary Aspite and grabbed his shoulders.
「I’m begging you Aspite! I need your power!!」
「……Aa?」
Aspite blinked repeatedly. The dark circles around his eyes from lack of sleep had darkened even more than before. I stared into those eyes that were like dead fish and talked.
I talked while hoping that my feeling would be conveyed to him.
「We are being put in a difficult situation right now.」
「……」
Aspite’s expression was frozen in surprise, but a cynical smile surfaced on his face before long.
「What? Should I say ‘serve you right’ here? It doesn’t really make me that happy if it’s not me who is making you suffer though……」

「Yeah, feel free to insult me as much as you like. After all I'm coming here to lower my head to you and begging for help.」
「He……?」
Aspite frowned.
「You bastard……what are you saying?」
Light returned for a moment in Aspite's eyes when he showed expression of anger. However, even that light immediately vanished.
「Wha……what kind of incomprehensible thing you are talking about. It's over already for me. I lost against you……and lost everything. There isn't any point anymore……」
Aspite's hand reached out to his blanket.
「I thought that I'm number one in the world……there is nobody but me who can become the next devil king. That's only natural. The World is the strongest……other people are all servant……and yet this is how I end up……」
Aspite made a self-depreciating smile and put his blanket over himself once more.
「I'm……already, finished……」
I felt strangely irritated seeing his figure.
I grabbed his blanket one more time and tore it away even more roughly than before.
「Don't screw with me!!」
「Wha……!?」
Aspite was bewildered by my menacing look.
「I'm just a human, while you are a devil and a noble at that! You are a damn blessed guy, so what the hell are you doing sulking just because of a single setback!!」
I grasped the hand of Aspite whose willpower had declined.
「Are you listening? Aspite!」
I gazed straight at Aspite who was looking at me with fear somewhere inside himself.
「Your World Revision is amazing!」
「Ye……yeah?」
Strength naturally filled my hand on his shoulder.
I stared at Aspite with a serious gaze. I focused to make my heart got through to him through my eyes.
「The me right now need your power no matter what!」
「You……need」
Aspite's face distorted in hatred.
「Yo-! You bastard-, don't talk──with your own convenience」
Within his dead eyes, there was light flickering even though it was weak.
「I'm already finished! You were the one who finished me off! Because of you──」
「You are still not finished!!」
I shook Aspite's body back and forth and brought my eyes closer.

「Eh……」
「You are still right here! You aren't being sent back to the devil world. You still have the qualification to continue fighting in the Devil King War!」
Aspite gritted his teeth. I could faintly hear the sound of his teeth grinding.
「B-but……I'm the same as finished. I lost against the like of human……I can't, show my face, to anyone, anywhere, anymore……」
「I defeated the Devil Mitsuishi Ibiza. Are you still ashamed even then?」
「Tsu!?」
Aspite's pupils shrank into a dot. He was staring at me openmouthed.
「Yo……you bastard, defeated Ibiza?」
「That's right. Ibiza got sent back to devil world. He has literally exited the stage. But Aspite, you are still here.」
「I'm……still」
「Don't give up!!」
Vitality was coming back to Aspite's face little by little.
「Someone with your capability can still make a comeback.」
Aspite's wavering gaze was firming up. His dumfounded expression was changing into a ruminating face.
「Why do I have to be pepped up by you bastard……」
Then, he muttered in a small voice.
「It's rude, and impertinent on top of that.」
—Just one more push.
I filled my fingertips with strength once more.
「That's because you want to get back on your feet. If you are annoyed from getting pepped up, then stand up one more time! Aspite!」
Aspite slapped away my hands and yelled angrily.
「AAAAAAAAAH! SHUT UP!! Don't talk as you please! Who are you telling to get back on his feet!! You aren't coming here to help me, you are here just for your own convenience!!」
I shut my mouth for a moment before continuing.
「Certainly it's a fact that I came to borrow your strength.」
「Look. Fort the sake of someone like you, why do I have to—」
「But! It's also a fact that I don't like it that you are turning into a shut-in like this!!」
「……」
Aspite glared at me.
However I didn't really feel hatred and contempt from those eyes.
「Listen to me, Aspite. I won against you. But, I can't honestly feel happy that I won if you get depressed like this! I want to have a battle where both sides don't have regret!」
「A battle, without regret, you say?」
Aspite grinded his teeth.
「There isn't any battle that won't leave regret!! If it's for the sake of winning, no matter what kind of method you have to use—」
「Did you take Lizel-senpai hostage because of that?」

「……Ku, that's……what's so bad about it」
「Because that's the cause of your defeat.」
Aspite stared at me dumbfounded.
「Wh……at?」
「You let guard down after taking Lizel-senpai prisoner. Besides, you underestimated me because I'm a human. If, you steadily cornered us and used your ability fully, perhaps we would be the one losing.」
「……Certainly. Because I captured Lizel, I played the role of drawing out your strength……that's right, because of that woman……shit!!」
「You already have an amazing power even without using petty method like taking Lizel-senpai hostage! Isn't that right!? Aspite!!」
ASpite clenched his fist.
「……It's humiliating.」
He whispered with a voice that couldn't be heard.
「To be treated like this by the one who defeat me……this is only heaping humiliation on top of humiliation.」
Aspite was emitting mana that felt like a deep-seated grudge.
「W-wait a second! I──」
「Fuck!!」
Aspite roared and stood up──and then,
「A……Aspite?」
He wasn't using any attack magic. He was simply looking down at me.
「You're going to regret this. Morioka Yuuto.」
A gaze that was lording over other people. It was like the Aspite in the past. However, I could see flame that didn't exist there in the past being lit up.
「After all you are setting fire within this me one more time.」
There was a faint smile on his lips. Even that smile felt somewhat different in atmosphere from before.
My cheeks also unconsciously loosened.
I immediately stood up and stared straight into Aspite's eyes.
「This is how the World Aspite should be.」
Aspite snorted haughtily.
「Speak. You have something you want to ask from me right? I might just listen depending on what it is.」
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Part 4

I asked Lizel-senpai to investigate the best place to carry out the operation for exchanging Reina's core. The flow of mana in the ground and space would differ depending on the time. If there were places where sorcery could easily succeed, there were also places that had opposite effect.
The place that was selected as the result—was Miyabi's mansion.
It wasn't the run-down shabby house where I visited previously, but the magnificent building beside it that had vast plot of land.
A magic circle was drawn at the front yard there with an altar at the center. Reina was laid down there.
She was unconscious because she was made to sleep with sleep magic. The white cloth that was covering her chest area was silently rising and sinking.
And then standing beside the altar was Lizel-senpai and me. At the other side were Miyabi and her mother Miyako-san.
Miyabi turned her gaze to her mother with a twitching face.
「Say……Okaa-sama? I'm happy that you are helping us but, that attire is……」
Certainly it also bothered me.
See-through lingerie, and then negligee that was also see through. It was difficult to decide where to look.
「No, when I heard that Yuuto-san is coming……I thought that I'll do my best.」
「The reason is completely nonsense! Okaa-sama is too enthusiastic! Or rather, don't make a move to your daughter's boyfriend!」
「But I can perform magic better when I dressed in a stimulating way……」
Lizel-senpai let out a tired sigh at that conversation.
「Miyabi, Miyako-sama is helping us here, so let's respect her opinion in this occasion.」
Miyabi accepted reluctantly after being told that.
Next senpai turned a cold gaze that was like a blade toward me.
「—Also Yuuto, don't ogle too much.」
「Heh!?」
The brunt of the argument was pointed at me.
「N-no, I'm not—」
When I started to make excuse incoherently,
「Oi!」
The man who was standing near Reina's head yelled in irritation.

「How long you guys are going to waste time. Also……why do I have to wear blindfold like this?」
Aspite had black eye mask on his face while complaining to me. He was sending his gaze to a subtly wrong direction.
「That's because you'll be able to concentrate better like that.」
Lizel-senpai answered in my place. Then Aspite clicked his tongue.
「I'm not asking you.」
Lizel-senpai shrugged and turned her gaze at me as though to pass the baton.
「Aspite, actually in order to exchange the core……Reina is naked right now.」
「……」
Aspite's lips twisted in annoyance and intentionally made a loud tsk.
Perhaps it was just my imagination, but his ears looked a bit red.
「And!? I just need to use World Revision to change the world's rule so that the homunculus's magic formula organization ceased moving right!?」
「Yeah please. During that time I'll use World Fall to destroy just Reina's core. And then Lizel-senpai──」
「I will insert the new core. After that Yuuto will use Cutting Connect to connect Reina with Okaa-sama once more.」
「Yes!」
「I'll also do my best to give support! This place is Yuugaoze House's territory after all, so our bloodline magic Cutting Connect can work well here! Surely!!」
By the way, I had called Kaa-san too, but she wasn't here.
It would be easier to use Cutting Connect if she was at a nearby place.
Besides it was like Miyabi said, it felt like the land of Yuugaoze House was lending me its power.
Even so, I felt a bit awkward to show Kaa-san the ritual directly, so I asked her to wait inside the mansion.
「Is everyone ready?」
Everyone nodded at Lizel-senpai's voice. Seeing that, senpai urged the blindfolded Aspite.
「Then, Aspite.」
However, Aspite kept his hand on his waist without moving. Before long──,
「Oi, Morioka Yuuto.」
「Hm……w-what?」
Don't tell me, he wouldn't back out after this far right?
「It seems your Queen is prattling something just now.」
Lizel-senpai looked at me with a very annoyed face and nodded.
「Aa……Aspite, please. The only one who can do this is this world is just you alone.」
The eye mask was covering his face so we couldn't see but, Aspite was making a smug expression──I think.
「Fufu, naturally. I'm the only one in this world who is able to do this!」

Aspite raised his hand and swept it to the side as though to cut the space.
「Feast your eyes! To the full powered World Revision of the World Aspite!!」
A magic circle floated up around us with Aspite as the center. The inside of this sphere was moving with different principle from the outside world.
That was Aspite's World Revision──another world with diameter of three meters.
「It's done Morioka Yuuto. I can't keep this for long, so do it quickly.」
「Roger! Here we go, Lovers!!」
The Lovers arcana that was dangling from my neck shined bright.
「Infinite Lovers!!」
Mana swelled up from the depth of my body. The mana circulated through my whole body and increased the processing capability of my mind drastically.
It enabled me to form magic formula that I normally wouldn't be able to construct.
「World Fall!!」
I rolled up the sleeve of my left arm. The arm was tightly packed with countless magic formulas.
Lizel-senpai and Miyabi removed the white cloth that was placed on Reina.
Reina's naked figure appeared underneath it.
I placed my fingertip on Reina's chest. And then, with the greatest focus, I slowly moved my fingertip. Then, a gaping rift was created on Reina's skin.
However, mysteriously there was no blood flowing.
Lizel-senpai reached out with her hand and widened that rift on Reina's skin. I unconsciously raised my voice seeing the sight that entered my eye from there.
「This is……-!?」
Inside was densely packed with magic letters and magic diagrams in exchange of flesh and bones.
Lizel-senpai stared fixedly at those letters and diagrams.
「Miyabi, Miyako-san. Can I ask both of you to keep the cut opened.」
「A-alrighty. We just need it open 'kupah' right!?」
「Like……this?」
The two gingerly widened the slit that was created on Reina's chest.
Inside, there was a cloudy stone that shined slightly red.
「Yuuto, next we're going to finally remove the old core. Don't destroy anything other than that as much as possible.」
My throat gulped.
「……I'll do it.」
My fingertip quietly entered the cut.
I felt magic letters touching my skin. It was a strange sensation touching magic formula physically like this.
There was a hard sensation at the tip of my middle finger.
This was, the core.
I focused all my nerves to gather World Fall into the tip of my middle finger.

Destroy just the core without destroying other formulas!
Cling My fingertip felt the sensation of something bursting. At the same time the texture that my fingertip was touching also vanished.
Success!
Relieve and then next happiness welled up in my chest.
「I did it! The core's removal is a success──」
However my face lost color when I pulled out my fingertip.
The core had vanished, but the magic formulas around it were also missing.
「No way……」
Lizel-senpai kindly wrapped my trembling fingertip.
「It's fine. I have memorized the surrounding formulas before this. I can rewrite them if it's just this much.」
「Lizel-senpai……」
Senpai's hand was holding a beautiful and radiant pink gem. It was the stone that would become Reina's new core.
That stone gently sunk into Reina's chest.
「The position here……this will do.」
When senpai let go, the new core looked like it was floating in Reina's chest.
Lizel-senpai let out a large sigh, then she inserted her fingertip into the cut once more and touched a part of the damaged magic formula.
「Next is, connecting it with the surrounding formulas……」
Lizel-senpai's eyes shined blue. Her hair was slightly fluttering as though a wind was blowing from below.
Magic formula's letters were stretching from between the cut and wrapped around the core.
Miyabi let out a sigh of admiration seeing that.
「Amazing……」
Miyako-san also couldn't hide her surprise.
「I'm amazed you can do something like this……as expected from Lizel-sama.」
I didn't understand the degree of difficulty of what senpai was doing.
However, from the two's reaction, it seemed to be something really difficult.
Senpai was doing that without a single change in her complexion……I thought once more that this person was amazing.
「It's alright with this. The finishing will depend on Yuuto……I leave it to you.」
「Y-yes!」
I was going to activate Yuugaose House's bloodline magic Cutting Connect that I inherited from Miyabi, but Aspite raised his voice with a flustered voice.
「Oi! Are you still not finished yet!? I'll be at my limit soon!」
「Eh!?」
I hurriedly activated Cutting Connect and formed an image of tying a red string on the core.
「Just a bit more! Hang on!」

「Don’t talk like it’s so easy! This is hard!! Aah, shit……it’s already」
Aspite’s voice sounded really pained.
However right now I was concentrating into my hand—tsu!?
Suddenly a sharp headache assaulted me.
My head, my body felt hot.
Shit! It was because I continuously activated Infinite Lovers!
「Kuh……I tied it to the core!!」
Next was to connect it to Kaa-san!
However, my field of vision distorted. An intense dizziness also attacked me.
The world was rotating. Lizel-senpai’s sharp voice resounded within it.
「Miyabi, Miyako-san! Stitch the wound!」
「Y-yes!?」
「If it’s just that!」
I saw from the corner of my eye the two of them putting their hands on Reina’s cut. Golden light shined from their palm and Reina’s wound was closing.
However my sight was still rotating around like before.
Just a bit more! If I could just connect this until Kaa-san……tsu!!
The effect of Infinite Lovers was cut off at that moment.
My body tilted and fell—just when I thought that,
Someone held me from behind.
「It’s fine, Yuuto. I’m with you.」
「Lizel……senpai.」
The gentle and voluptuous sensation of Lizel-senpai’s breasts were spreading on my back.
And then mana flowed in from there to take the place of Infinite Lovers.
My consciousness was clearing up once more.
My sight was still rotating, but I understood the direction because my body was being supported.
I held my right hand toward the window of a room in the mansion where Kaa-san was at.
「GOOOOOO!!」
The red string that stretched out from Reina’s chest ran toward that window.
I didn’t move from that spot, but it felt like there was an eye residing in the tip of the string.
It went through the window and flew into the chest of Kaa-san who was standing with worry.
「Aspite!! It’s fine now!!」
「Guoh!!」
I yelled, at the same time World Revision’s magic circle scattered and Aspite fell back.
「Reina-!!」
I stared at Reina who was still lying down with a bated breath.

She didn’t wake up.
She didn’t move.
……Was it no good?
The moment I thought that,
Reina’s eyes blinked open.
「HYAAAAAAAAAAAAH!?」
She jumped up with a strange voice.
「R-Reina……?」
「A-awawa……R-Reina is surprised desu desu.」
Her hands covered her chest while she was heaving.
「What’s wrong!? Are you alright!?」
「Y-yes. For some reason Reina’s eyes suddenly open, and……it’s like something energetic suddenly rushed into Reina’s body……it feels like mama is calling loudly.」
「I see……」
Most likely that was the proof that her connection with Kaa-san was done well. As usual, Kaa-san’s excessive affection was flowing into Reina.
「Reina, how do you feel?」
「Yes……for some reason Reina is feeling extremely good desu!」
From her sunny expression, it was obvious that she wasn’t just acting strong.
「Err……could it be, Reina……is healed desu?」
「Yeah! You are alright now with this. Reina’s core has become new! There is no need to worry anymore!!」
「T-that means, that means……Reina is, really……」
Tears overflowed from Reina’s eyes.
And then──,
「ONII-CHAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAANN!」
She leaped at my neck from the altar.
「Reina……I’m glad. I’m really……」
I hugged Reina’s body. Her skin was warm and her body was soft. I really couldn’t believe that this body was made of magic formulas. Pulse that was overflowing with vitality was transmitted to my hand.
「Onii-chan, Onii-chan! UAAAAAAAAHNN」
The silky skin that felt pleasant to touch because of her immaturity……body with high temperature……slender limbs that looked like they could easily break……umu, this is bad.
「B-by the way……Reina? Your clothes, you should quickly……」
「Fue?」
Reina looked down on her body.
White and spotless skin. Slightly bulging chest, pink nipples. Thin waist, then the smooth hill below it──Reina’s face quickly turned bright red and her lips were trembling.
「KYAAAAAAAAAAAAAuh!!」

She hugged herself to hide her body and crouched on the spot.
Then Lizel-senpai put the cloth that was put on Reina before the ceremony on her shoulders.
「Miyabi, lead Reina to inside the mansion.」
「'Kay! It'll be a reunion of parent and child!」
Miyabi and Miyako-san led Reina away. Lizel-senpai saw them off before she stared at me.
「Thanks for your hard work, Yuuto.」
Lizel-senpai brought her lips toward my face.
「Eh?」
The lips' soft texture touched my cheek.
「S-senpai……」
There was a *chuu* sound before her lips moved away.
「A perfect score. This is a special reward♥」
I touched the place where senpai's lips touched half in a daze.
「Tha……thank you, very much.」
A cold voice theatrically spoke to me while I was immersed in happiness.
「Oi.」
……Ah!
「Aspite! Are you alright!?」
「……You're saying that too late.」
Aspite abruptly got on his feet and tossed away the eye mask.
「I just couldn't move from using World Revision too much. There isn't any problem now.」
「I see……that's good.」
Aspite stood up and snorted.
「I wonder if you can still say that later. You might have committed an outrageous mistake just now.」
「What?」
「World Revision has become even stronger than before. This me has become even stronger by overcoming my setback. I can't be compared with my past self anymore.」
That might be a great threat.
But, even so—,
「Reina was saved thanks to that. I will never regret it.」
Aspite snorted one more time and he started walking toward the gate. Lizel-senpai called out to his back.
「My thanks, Aspite.」
Aspite stopped walking at that voice and replied without looking back.
「……You bastards, are you in the middle of fighting the Tower?」
Tower?
「Yeah……if you mean Takakuzure Marios, we were attacked by him once before this. He said something about making alliance and invited me but, I was attacked in the end……I didn't get that guy.」

「I gathered the recent information but……it looks like Marios has lost almost all his Cards. He only has two remaining from what I heard but……it wasn't you who did that?」
What?
「That wasn't me. Just what in the world happened to Marios?」
「Even I don't know. But, it seems he is obsessed with you. I'll give you a word of warning.」
Aspite looked back across his shoulder and stared into my eyes.
「──Kill before you are killed.」
Aspite left those words behind and left.
Lizel-senpai and I automatically looked at each other.
「Senpai……did something happen to Marios?」
「I don't know. But, it seems almost certain that he is fixated to Yuuto.」
「It'll be better if we prepare to confront him……」
「You're right……furthermore, we better hurry.」
Lizel-senpai's eyes shined strongly.
「We can't underestimate Marios's characteristic magic. We have finally saved Reina……no, this isn't just limited Reina. I can't allow anything important to us to be destroyed. We better strike at Marios before he can finish creating his model.」
「Lizel-senpai……thank you very much.」
「I'm not doing anything that you need to thank me for.」
「Even so, I'm happy that senpai is treasuring all of us.」
Lizel-senpai slightly smiled and shook her hand to left and right.
「Geez……don't speak about it.」
「As I thought, senpai is different from the other devils.」
「Eh?」
She stared at me with an astonished face.
「Somehow, it feels like senpai is thinking more of us instead of yourselves……senpai said that Reina is different from other devils but, senpai yourself also feel special.」
「──……」
Senpai made a troubled smile.
「That's not true. Even I is putting myself above all else.」
「That means, senpai's caliber is just that great. You still have the leeway to think about others even while prioritizing yourself.」
「Geez……I won't you give another reward even if you say all that ♥」
Lizel-senpai made a slightly embarrassed expression and walked toward the mansion.
「We should hurry rather than doing this. We're going to return to our palace first for preparing.」
「Eh? For……what?」
Lizel-senpai winked cutely.
「For a raid.」
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Part 5

Marios almost never used his palace inside the academy. He was using his own mansion outside the academy as a fortress—Lizel-senpai had obtained that information beforehand.
It was a 50 storey tower mansion. Marios's workshop was at the penthouse at the highest floor.
Lizel-senpai, Miyabi, Reina, and I entered into the exclusive lift.
I stared at the floor number display that was gradually climbing up while Lizel-senpai did the final check regarding the enemy's information.
「According to the information, the lift will temporarily at some floors where there is a guard waiting. Their ability is to materialize model.」
I saw that ability when I was attacked at the academy's rooftop. They were tough, on top of that each model had their own characteristic.
「Aspite said that he only has two remaining Cards.」
「Yes. But our target is Marios. We'll crush him in one go without giving him time for counterattack.」
That's right. That guy wasn't only capable of materializing figurine, he also had the ability to destroy the opponent's most important thing by destroying his own figurine.
「However, there is no devil king candidate that has been defeated by Marios's characteristic magic until now. In other words, there is limitation to that ability. Most likely he has to confront the opponent, or talk with him. The requirement should be included among his actions when he attacked Yuuto the other day.」
「So he need to do something to lock on at the target for his ability?」
「Yes. That's why the method that we're taking is—swift attack. Don't give Marios any time to destroy his model.」
At the academy, each of his Cards could only materialize one model, but what if he didn't have number limitation? Even if it was impossible for the Cards, it was possible that Marios could do it.
If he had a lot of models with him……it would be very difficult to swiftly defeat him.
The elevator stopped at the fortieth floor.
「Yossha! Leave this place to me and go ahead!!」
Miyabi got out from the elevator in high spirits.
「Ehehe, I wanted to say that line at least once.」
Lizel-senpai easily replied to Miyabi who said that.

「That's our plan from the start. It's so that we don't give Marios any opening to escape.」
「Ee!? At this kind of time, you should be a bit more, y'know……something.」
Miyabi looked discontent. I spoke to her encouragingly.
「Miyabi, don't let your guard down!」
「M-may the fortune of war be with you desu desu!」
Miyabi grinned cheerfully and made a double peace sign. Then she vanished behind the door. The elevator started moving again and stopped at the 45th floor next.
「This is most likely the Ace's floor. I'm going.」
Lizel-senpai got down from the elevator.
「Senpai, as I though, rather than separating like this──」
Before I finished talking, senpai cut me off with her usual smile.
「You don't need to worry about me. Rather than that……Reina, it will depend on you whether we can defeat Marios or not.」
Reina jerked and straightened her back.
「Marios is most likely lying in ambush. That's why do it just as we talked beforehand……do your best.」
「Ye, y-y-yes! This life that is saved by everyone, Reina will use it to accomplish Reina's job at all cost desu!!」
Senpai's expression loosened into a smile and and she vanished behind the door.
And then the elevator began to climb up.
Next was the highest floor. It was where Marios was waiting.
「Reina.」
「Yes.」
Reina untied the string on her shoulder and put down the katana on her back. And then she drew out the katana from its sheath.
Reina lowered her waist and took a stance with the katana.
Her face was staring forward at the seam of the door in front of her.
「Reina, don't rush. I'll back you up no matter what happen.」
「Thank you very much, Onii-chan……but, Reina is……Reina is feeling like she can do anything right now.」
Reina's expression was free from tension.
Her atmosphere was relaxed and her smile was calm. She really didn't look like someone who would get into a life and death battle after this.
「Reina is, the happiest person in the world desu desu. All my senpais has saved Reina. Onii-chan and papa and also mama gave Reina a lot of love.」
The elevator moved from 48th floor to 49th floor.
「This time Reina want to be the one to make everyone happy. Reina will also be happy if everyone is happy. When Reina think that, strength is welling up endlessly inside desu.」
50th floor.
「Somehow, it feels like Reina has become the Knight of Lovers for real right now, desu.」

Her face that I watched from the side looked really happy.
「……Kaa-san is cooking a feast for our return. Let's take care of this right away and go home together.」
「Yes desu!」
Reina's forward-bent stance deepened further. I could sense her gathering strength into her feet.
She was like a bow that was drawn to the limit. Reina's body was strained hard.
She was gathering her whole strength and waited for the moment she would shot off.
The door opened.
Countless monsters were visible from the crack.
Bipedal reptile, therianthrope monster, mollusk with tentacles, etc. Eerie monsters that couldn't possibly exist in reality were clamoring outside.
Just from peeking slightly through the opening gap, it could be felt that the number of monsters was completely blanketing the room.
──What the hell is with this damn amount!!
Marios's figure could be seen through the gaps between the monsters.
Ahead of the hallway, at the deepest part of the room, there was his figure lifting up both his arms.
There were two figurines in his hands.
「Moron! I know that you guys are coming!!」
Marios swung down both his arms.
「Two figurines for you two assholes! The devil king candidate will definitely die facing this many monsters! I don't know who will break from the figurine for the devil king candidate thoughhhhhh!!」
The door opened,
An opening that one person could just barely pass through──was created.
「Reina-!!」
The elevator's floor broke.
The monsters that were right in front of the elevator were all blown away.
「……Tsu!?」
They were cut down by Reina as she dashed out.
The long katana in Reina's hands that was as tall as her own body.
It instantly slaughtered three monsters.
Reina ran like an arrow that was fired from its bow.
The next monster was scattered in pieces.
The slashed monster didn't even have time to return to its former form before the next monster was defeated.
Reina dashed with all her speed.
The marble hallway was smashed and the fragments floated in the air.
The dolls that were let go from Marios's hands were falling while rotating in the air.
The monster that was standing in front of them was mowed down by Reina's sword.

Several monsters were sent flying with a flash of katana.
Reina was simply heading to a single point.
Only at Marios's dolls.
Reina dashed like a gale in a straight line from the elevator.
Her long sword ran like wind or even light.
It was like a boisterous dance of light.
The sound of floor breaking.
The sound of enemies getting cut down.
All of them rang out almost at the same time and roared as a loud explosive sound.
The dolls that Marios threw approached the floor.
Reina threw away her katana.
She dived head first.
Her hands spread out.
Both her hands each reached out to a doll.
It was just a bit more until the dolls impacted on the floor.
Small hands slid in between them,
And caught the two dolls.
Reina immediately held them on her chest and her body was sliding.
「Wha-!?」
Marios was shocked by Reina who flew toward him with a terrific speed and jumped to the side.
However at the next moment when he saw that the dolls he threw were settled in Reina's hands,
「YOU BASTARDDDDDD!!」
Marios pointed at Reina to instruct his figurines.
Reina charged straight at Marios after she got out of the elevator.
All the enemies on her way had been cut down.
Speaking another way, all the enemies that weren't in her way were still alive.
The remaining figurine monsters rushed at Reina.
「OH NO YOU DON'TTTTTTTTTTTTTT!!」
I leaped into the room and pushed both my hands forward.
The magic circle that was deployed ahead of my hands fired a lump of flame.
「Fizard!!」
The upper body of the monster attacking Reina was blasted off.
—Not yet!!
I'm not!
Gonna!
「LET YOU TOUCH MY LITTLE SISTERRRRRRRRRRRRR!!
—Infinite Lovers!!
Fizard's magic circle brightened in that moment.
Normally the flame would weaken after it was fired and vanished.
However,

Infinite Lovers was forcefully sending mana to Fizard’s magic circle.
The hell flame further increased in strength.
The flame pierced even the mansion’s wall and gouged a large hole.
「UOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO!!」
I opened my hands to left and right as though to hold the magic circle with my hands.
Flame passed above Reina who fell on the floor and slashed through the inside of the room.
That flame mowed down the remaining monsters.
Conveniently, all the monsters were tall.
Fizard’s flame burned the upper bodies of the monsters and instantly turned them to ash.
The flame vanished after it made a round inside the room.
Only the lower bodies of various types of monsters remaining inside the room. It was an eerie sight.

However even those immediately returned to their original form.
They only became the half remains of figurines with melted surface.
The magnificent models that could astonish many people were now a mere shadow of their former self.
「Da……dammit.」

Marios had immediately thrown himself to the floor to dodge the flame.
「What's wrong? You already run out of ammunition?」
I pointed a hand at Marios.
I didn't let my guard down.
There was a risk that he was still hiding something. I was forming the magic circle of Fidezenon while glaring at Marios.
Marios stood up in panic and looked around at the situation inside his room with bloodshot eyes.
Broken wall that was scorched black. All the shelves on the walls were also destroyed and all the figurines and plastic models decorating them were also scattered on the floor in pieces.
「Shit, shit, shit……how, can something like this……-!?」
Night breeze blew in from the melted wall and it made Marios's hair fluttered.
Marios was tearing at his hair and stamped on the floor with his feet.
「UGAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!」
「The match is decided huh, Marios.」
At that time, Lizel-senpai and Miyabi's voice came from the entrance.
「Yuuto! Reina! Are you two alright?」
「Lovers' Cards has arrived 'dododo'!!」
The two of them rushed into the room.
「Reina has secured the figurines that are his trump card. What's left is just to defeat Marios himself.」
After I said that, Lizel-senpai and Miyabi stepped forward and faced Marios.
I finally looked down at Reina who was still on the floor.
Reina who was still lying down in her sliding posture met my eyes and returned a satisfied smile.
Two dolls were held carefully on her chest. One doll was a winged female devil. The other one was an armored male knight.
When I reached out to her, Reina handed me the dolls in her hands.
I accepted the two dolls and observed them carefully once more.
To be honest, they were very well done.
Marios yelled with his saliva flying seeing me watching the dolls.
「Kuh……y-you bastards!? What are you planning……with my masterpieces!?」
「We'll keep custody of them.」
「……Wha-」
Marios's complexion changed color. It went past bright red to pale white.
「D-don't screw with meeeeeeee!! They are, they are! My……」
Suddenly Marios's face became befuddled.
「……Marios?」
What happened to him?
Don't tell me, he still had some kind of method to overturn this situation?

I raised my vigilance and focused myself at Marios once more. Reina also got on her feet and picked the sword that she threw to the floor just now and held it in a stance.
「W-what……this, humiliation, this frustration……」
Marios muttered something in a low voice deliriously.
「I see……compared to my treasure breaking……other people stealing them from me is many times more painful……crushing. My guts is seething. I see! So that's how it is!!」
I didn't really get it but, he seemed to be intoxicated by something.
What's the deal with this guy?
「Kuhahahahaha! Awesome, it makes me I want to die!! It makes me want to destroy everything! Destruction! I'm rushing headlong to destructioon!!」
He was crying. However, I didn't know whether he was sad or happy.
Marios continued to talk like a river, and then──m
「NTR is the best!!」
His eyes that were directed toward me were shining glaringly.
Was he going to do something?
The moment I thought that and braced myself──,
「Ah!?」
Marios jumped out to the night sky from the hole in the wall that was created from my Fizard.
He jumped off for suicide!?
I hurriedly ran toward the hole.
「That's!」
A winged reptile. I saw Marios riding on the back of a creature that looked like dragon.
That dragon spread open its wings and flapped it to fly away in the night sky.
That must be Marios's model too.
「So he still has a way to escape……shit! Even though we have cornered him!」
「Yuuto.」
Lizel-senpai put her hand on my shoulder consolingly.
「It's a great accomplishment that we have crushed Marios's base. Besides his Cards are also annihilated. It will be easy to corner him from now. Besides, it looks like we have also obtained unexpected spoils of war.」
Her gaze dropped toward the dolls in my hands.
I handed Marios's dolls to senpai and she closely observed them.
「This might looks good for the palace's interior……?」
「Niice! It's gonna be cool to make the palace look subculturish somehow. Reina, you get a nice loot!」
「Ehehe……it's thanks to everyone desu desu.」
And then Reina looked up to me.
Her eyes looked like a child who was waiting for her grading in excitement.
「You did great.」

When I patted her head, Reina squinted her eyes in pleasure.
「Reina is the little sister I'm proud of.」
「Onii-chan……」
Tear spilled out from Reina's eye.
However, that was a tear of happiness.
Reina replied with a smile that was filled with happiness.
「Onii-chan……Reina is, the happiest little sister in the world desu……desu!」
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Part 6

The dragon that Marios was riding was gradually descending and landed at a forest.
「Dammit……fuck!」
Marios got down from the dragon's back while cursing. Then the dragon returned to become a doll again.
This forest was within Ginsei Academy's ground.
Normally he used his tower mansion as his base, but he also had a palace in the academy. Marios was thinking to recover there.
His two best masterpieces were stolen. Furthermore the culprit was a lowly human.
He ruminated that fact repeatedly inside his chest.
Each time, unbearable humiliation and pleasure would torment him.
「Fu, fufu……」
He didn't know that having his important thing taken away by other people would bring him this much exaltation. It was a pleasure that he finally learned. He wanted to taste it over and over.
He hadn't used the palace for long. However he had prepared the minimum equipment and materials there.
It would be difficult for him to become the next devil king but, his own pleasure was more important right now. For that, he had to create a model first. As he started walking with excitement in his chest──,
「Marios. I came to pick you up.」
「……Lost.」
Joudogahama Lost's figure appeared from within the dark forest.
「You bastard……why are you here?」
However Lost only smiled. He didn't answer the question.
「That tower mansion is dangerous you know? I understand that you want to live in a building that's like a tower, but there is a batter place. I have prepared a new hideout for you.」
──He wouldn't give in to this guy's cajolery anymore.
Marios stared at Lost with a cold gaze.
「You aren't a student of this academy right?」
「……Why are you suddenly asking that?」
Lost tilted his head in puzzlement.
「I too have investigated about you. You said about getting suspended before enrolling here but, that's just bullshit. Isn't that right?」

「……」
「But I still don’t know what’s your background. You ain’t a student of this academy, and you also ain’t a noble. Then, who the hell are you?」
「Good grief, how troublesome.」
Lost raised his hands in a surrendering pose.
「I didn’t expect that you are such a busybody.」
「Hah? You’re the one treating me like a damn pawn. I’m not going to act like you want──」
A chill ran through Marios’s spine.
What?
Lost’s atmosphere changed completely.
There was no friendly smile there.
His face was expressionless, and his eyes also looked like a corpse.
He muttered with a withered voice that contained no vitality.
「……Dreaming[Dream and Hope Atrocity].」
Killing intent.
No, an aura that was even more sinister than that flowed out like a polluted air.
Lost’s figure turned hazy and it became impossible to perceive his shape.
What the hell this guy was?
Black mist──no, it was a black color that was even thicker.
That’s right, a mud.
It was something that stole the qualification to exist in this world and sent it back to hell to be sealed.
It was an existence that was like the visualization of despair and death.
This guy himself was like a bottomless black mud.
That overwhelming death was approaching.
「Uh! Ua, UAWAaAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA!?」
The voice that surged out from the throat was swallowed by darkness.
Marios heard a whisper from inside the overwhelming darkness.
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──「Happy End[Life Severance]」
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Marios’s existence vanished in that moment.

Epilogue

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The next day after we failed to catch Marios, there was an official notice from Headmaster Gandou that the Tower Takakuzure Marios had dropped out from the Devil King War.
An opponent that was clearly aiming at me had retired, so this could be said as good news. However, I didn’t know who defeat him. I was feeling an eeriness that I couldn’t describe.
Setting that aside, today was Sunday.
「Waa~, this is Reina’s first time coming to a department store this big desu desu!」
We headed until the suburb and went shopping to a business establishment where a large shopping center and outlets were combined.
Reina’s eyes were sparkling. She was shocked by the size of the building. She was in a really good mood and looked like she would start dancing.
The shopping & outing that got postponed had finally came to realization.
「Yoosh! We are going to buy a lot todaaay!」
Morioka family lifted up their fist and cheered 「Ooo」 at Kaa-san’s command.
We were going to ask for large furniture to be delivered while carrying things like tableware or clothes on our own.
「Then, let’s start from the big things first!」
「Yeah, I don’t want to walk around while lugging shopping bags.」
We started from choosing writing desk, bed, and closet from furniture selling area.
Reina kept acting reserved when the time came to buy, but it would be troubling if she didn’t have them, so we had to persuade her each time we bought something.
Rather, it was Tou-san and Kaa-san who were acting like they were high. It even made me wondered if they were shopping to reduce their stress.
The morning passed in the blink of eye and we ate lunch together at the food court before moving into the second half of the shopping.
「Then, we’re going to look at clothes and underwear after this, so we will split up temporarily.」
With that notice from Kaa-san, I ended up having free activity for around an hour.
「Then, Tou-san is going to look at bookstore. What about you Yuuto?」

I suddenly recalled about a wireless headphone that I saw in a commercial once and it made me wanted to look at the real thing.
And so, I parted from Tou-san and headed to an electronic store.
I immediately found what I was looking for and fortunately the store also had sample item for trial listening.
It was also equipped with noise cancelling function, so I could listen clearly even within the noisy shopping center. While I was thinking that this might be good for use even within train──,
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「Warning. Danger is approaching. Recommending a swift retreat.」
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Arcana?
I took off the headphone.
Was it just my imagination?
No, I certainly heard those words just now.
I heard the voice even through the headphone's noise cancelling, so there was no doubt it was the arcana's voice.
There was no way such words could actually be mixed within the music that I was listening.
In that case……there was an enemy within this shopping mall!?
「Yaa, Morioka Yuuto-kun.」
「!?」
The man who was also trying out headphone beside me talked to me.
That guy took off his headphone and returned it to the sample rack.
His age was around the same with me. His hair was flashy with its red color, but he had a friendly smile.
「Err……」
Who? I had never seen him before in the academy. Could it be he was a student from my previous school?
He seemed to read my expression and waved his hand with a smile.
「Aa, this is our first time meeting. It's natural that you don't know me.」
「Eh? Then」
「Warning. It's dangerous. Recommending a swift retreat.」
The arcana warned me once more.
Don't tell me……it's this guy?
He looked like a normal young man from a glance.
He looked gentle and his smile was affable.
However,
I let my body filled with tension and faced him.
「Are you also a student of devil king academy──Ginsei academy?」
The guy shook his head.
「Nope, I'm not.」
Eh?
Then──,
The arcana wasn't warning me about this guy.

「Aa……err, sorry. It looks like I'll have an emergency business to take care of, so I'll take my leave.」
I lightly raised my hand and turned back.
A lot of people might get involved if I stayed here.
Tou-san and Kaa-san were also here. I had to contact Lizel-senpai immediately.
I took out my smartphone and as I opened my contact address.
「That's cold, Lovers devil king candidate, Yuuto-kun.」
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I stopped walking and turned around toward that guy.
「……You are, a devil king candidate?」
「That's right.」
However, devil king candidate should be chosen from among devil king academy's students.
Was this guy really a devil king candidate?
「Then……what arcana are you?」
When I asked that, this guy took out a card from his pocket.
A skeleton holding a scythe.
「Death.」
A chill ran through my whole body.
This guy was the devil king candidate of Death.
This friendly looking guy.
「My name is Joudogahama Lost. Nice to meet you.」
「……What's, your business with me?」
Lost answered cheerfully.
「Yeah. About the Tower Marios who was hostile with you, I was the one who killed him.」
「……It was you?」
「It was a token of acquaintance from me. You were bothered because he was persistently picking a fight with you right?」
Was it true?
What in the world this guy's objective was?
Thinking normally, his objective was to defeat other devil king candidates.
That was to say, his objective should be to kill me.
Don't let your guard down.
The battle was already starting.
When I started to form magic formula inside my body——,
「You are the only one who I can think of as comrade in its truest meaning.」
——What?
I couldn't immediately grasp the meaning of his words.
This guy……what is he saying?
I recalled what Ruki and Marios said a moment later.
「I see……so you are a member of the so called alliance.」
Lost shrugged.

「Wrong. What’s between you and me are different from that kind of alliance.」
「……」
I didn’t get it at all.
Was this guy unrelated with the alliance?
「Then what do you mean that we are comrade?」
「You see」
Joudogahama Lost smiled happily.
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「You and me are rebels of the devil king academy after all.」

Afterword

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Is everyone doing good!? This is Kuji Masamune!
Thank you very much for buying the third volume of Maou Gakuen no Hangyakusha!
The world is seriously in a commotion because of the unprecedented new type of corona virus (it's currently year 2 April of Reiwa era). I can't imagine at all how will things be when this book is published at June, but currently everyone is refraining from going out and the bookstore is also closed, I'm anxious whether the third volume will get lined up at the bookstore in the end, or will anyone buy it. However, you readers are now able to read this right now means that this book has reached your hand at the very least! That makes me happy!!
The story is moving all at once in this third volume! The terrifying devil king candidate Death appeared. And then the other devil king candidates Wheel of Fortune, Tower, Strength, Moon, and Sun also appeared in succession! They pretend to be in alliance at the surface, but they are fellow devils. It's a tense and dangerous alliance.
Unique characteristic magic and strongly idiosyncratic personalities (lol), and then betrayal and the like, please look forward to their action from here on too!
This time the Tower Takakuzure Marios became the enemy and attack Yuuto and co. Marios's personality and fetish are really out there, but god kaka's chara design is too excellent that I'm deeply moved! It's frustrating that I can't properly show them at the illustrations, so if possible I want to publish them at place like Twitter.
No but, the new character Rinne is also cute, Lost is also cool, the designs are really amazing!
And then the illustrations' beauty & erotic cuteness & coolness!! What a blessing for the eyes!!
Ah, also don't miss the first battle of Stella this time! And the changing & shower scene too!
I ask you readers to please not let your mind wander until the very last page.
Also! This series is also in the middle of serialization at weekly Dragon Age!! Mizoguchi Zerachin-sensei is drawing it with the style of exemplar

shounen manga, it’s seriously interesting so please take a look. Of course the quality of ecchi scene also goes without saying!
Then for the thanks corner. To kakao-sensei who drew the best illustrations too this time!! The editor Nakada-san. The many other people who are involved with the publication. And then all of you readers who are always giving your support. Thank you very much!
Then let’s beat up the strongest at the fourth volume too!!

Kuji Masamune

3巻ご購入ありがとうございます!!
今巻の引きがヤバすぎて
4巻が待ち遠しい…!!
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よろしくおねがいします!!
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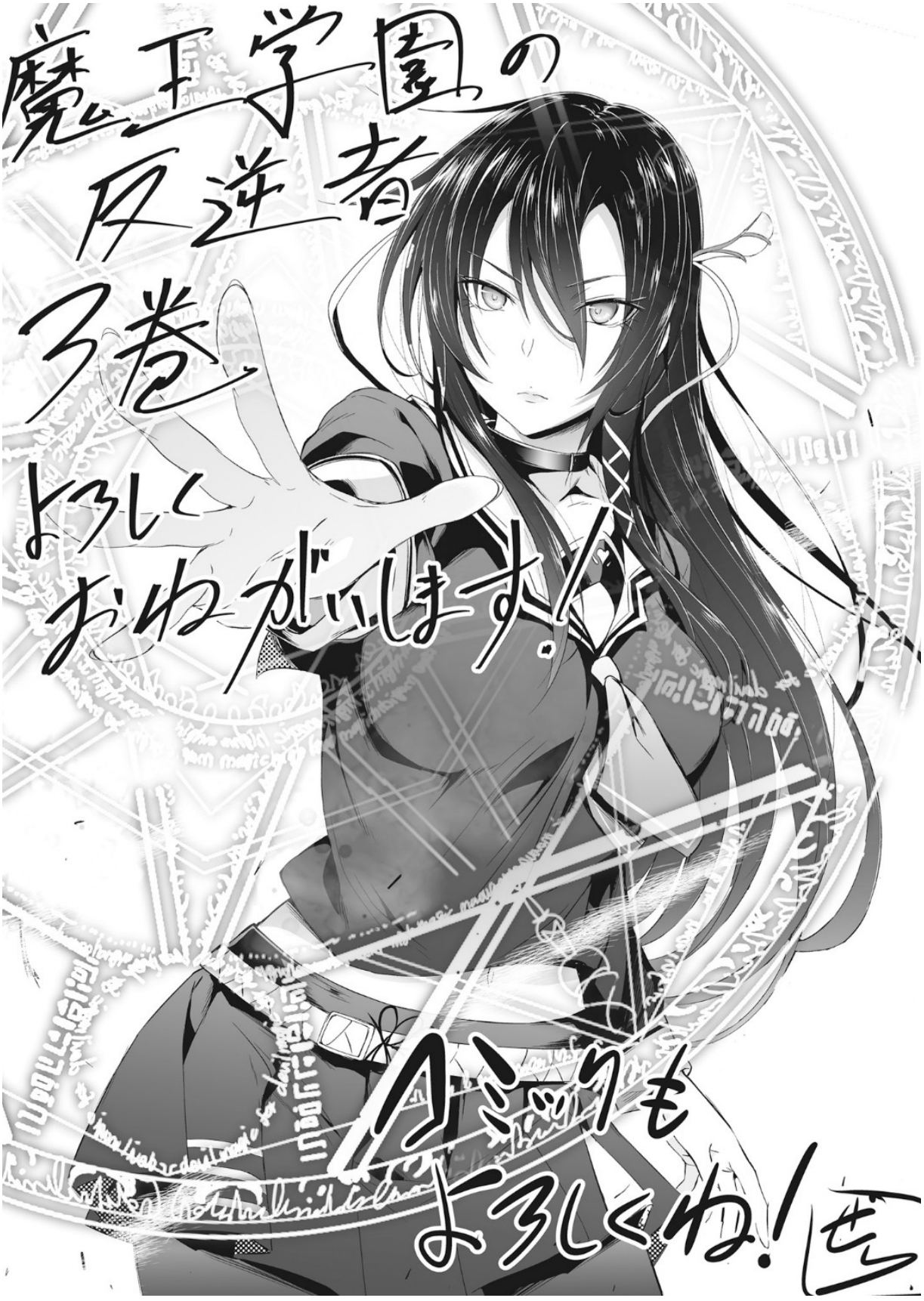
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